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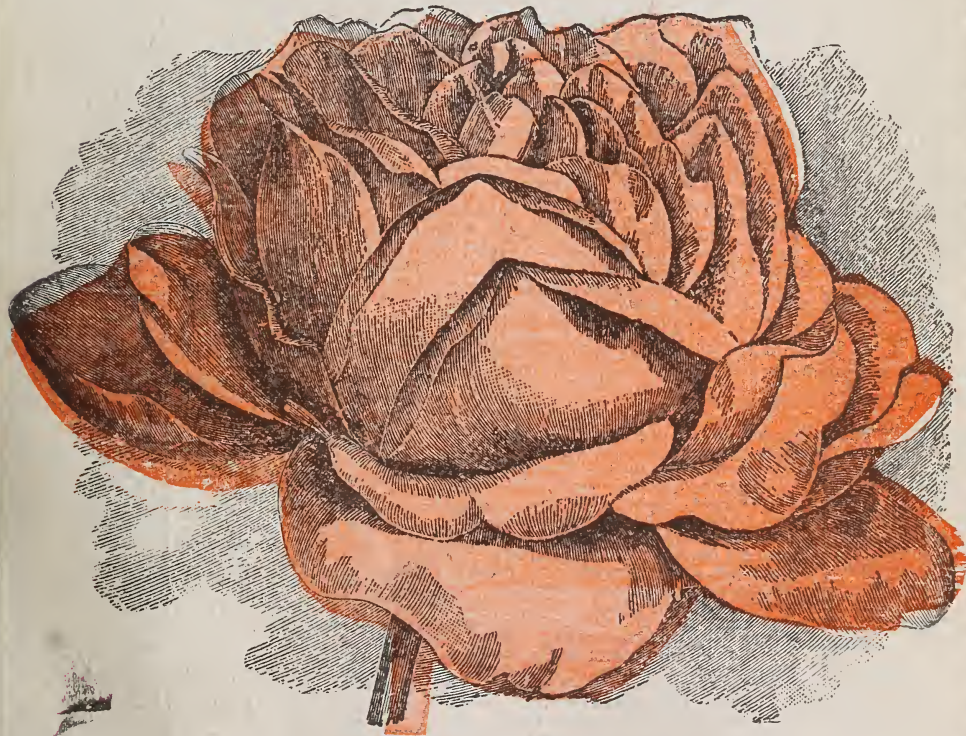
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5 Years 50 Cents.
1 Year 10 Cents.

A BIG BARGAIN IN BEGONIAS

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE a year, and seven fine Tubers of Double Tuberous Begonias, in seven colors—White, Yellow, Orange, Salmon, Rose, Scarlet and Crimson, all mailed this month, for only 25 cents, or three lots for 70 cents; five lots \$1.00, and one bulb each of Gladiolus trimaculatus and Pink Amaryllis for getting up the club this month.



FLOWER OF THE DOUBLE TUBEROUS BEGONIA.

Single Tuberous Begonias are like the double-flowered, except the staminate flowers are single.

I HAVE A SURPLUS OF 100,000 TUBEROUS BEGONIAS. finest strains, imported from Belgium Florists this season, and I offer them at a special bargain, as I wish to get them all off my hands this month. These bulbs are in fine condition, full of vitality, and offered in the leading colors. I hope my friends will all avail themselves of this bargain offer. Heretofore such tubers of choice Double Tuberous Begonias supplied to color have not sold at less than 10 cents each by retail florists. I may have none to offer next month, so tell your friends, get up a club at once, and secure the bulbs before it is too late. I guarantee them to please you. If they do not, return them and I will cheerfully return your money. Cultural directions sent with each collection. Let me hear from you this month. Address

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Penna.



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THE CHOICEST FLOWERS

THE FOLLOWING CHOICE FLOWERS ARE ALL EASILY raised from seeds, and I supply them, fresh, tested, and of the finest quality, at only 5 cts. per packet. My mixtures are carefully prepared, and will yield a great variety of beautiful colors.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Send me \$1.00 this month, and you may select 20 packets of seeds from this list, and I will send in addition five Splendid Geraniums, as offered in my Guide, or five Splendid Hardy Chrysanthemums, named sorts, white, crimson, rose, yellow, and bronze—enough for a fine clump of late autumn flowers in the garden. Tell your friends. Get up a club. Magazine included with every order.



Acacia lophantha, Fern Tree.
Ageratum, large-flowered, dwarf sorts, fine for beds or pots, mixed.
Alonsoa, free-blooming, bright colored annuals for pots or beds.
Alyssum, Sweet, fine for edgings and baskets; ounce 25 cents.
Antirrhinum, semi-dwarf, large-flowered, many delicate colors.
Aster, China, Double, a complete mixture of all varieties, all colors.
Aster, Improved Paony-flowered Perfection, incurved, double.
Aster, Park's Quilled, best yellow Aster; two feet high, very fine.
Aster, Ostrich Feather, large-flowered, many handsome colors.
Aster, New Victoria, large flowers, double, imbricated petals.
Aster, Hohenzollern, fine fringed flowers; like a Chrysanthemum.
Aster, New Marvel, globe flowered, double, white, blood-red centre.
Balsam, Improved Camellia-flowered, double as a Camellia, all shades, spotted, easily grown annual; handsome; mixed colors.
Browallia, New Giant, big blue flowers in profusion; pot plants.
Bells, Giant Double Daisy, hardy edging, also fine for pots; very early spring bloomer; white, rose and crimson, finest mixed.
Calliopsis, New Compact, crimson, gold, marbled, mixed.
Candytuft, beautiful if grown in masses; all varieties mixed.
Canna, New Gladiolus-flowered; Crozy's finest mixed; splendid.
Capsicum, Ornamental Peppers, all shapes and sizes, colors mixed.
Carnations, Hybrid early flowering, large double flowers from white to crimson, striped and marked; finest mixture of colors.
Celosia, Coxcomb, beautiful comb-like heads of rich bloom; mixed.
Centaurea, annual, superb flowers for bouquets or button-holes.
Chrysanthemum, Annual, a foot high, double and single, all colors mixed; very handsome.
Clarkia, Double and Single, splendid varieties; elegant in beds.
Cosmos, Early fall flowers, rose, white, crimson and yellow, a fine cut flower for vases; mixed.
Dahlia, Double and single, all colors; as easily raised as Zinnias.
Datura, big trumpet-like flowers, very fragrant, in fine mixture.

Dimorphothea aurantiaca, New African Daisy, golden flowers.
Dianthus, Double, large-flowered, white, rose and red, mixed.
Delphinium, (Larkspur), double, blooms freely; all colors mixed.
Eschscholtzia, California Poppy, silver foliage; pretty flowers.
Gaillardia grandiflora, a hardy perennial; flowers continuously produced all season; mixed.
Godetia, splendid annual, showy in beds; finest mixture.
Helianthus, Sunflower, double and single, mixed; fine in group.
Hibiscus, Giant Primrose, fine perennial, golden flowers.
Impatiens, Sultan and Holsti, fine everblooming bedding and pot plants; mixed.
Lavatera, Hollyhock-like, annual; white, rose, red, mixed.
Leucanthemum, Shasta Daisy; white, large, fine; hardy perennial.
Lobelia, perpetual blue, flowers large, blue, white eye; beautiful.
Mignonette, fine for bee pasture; very sweet; oz. 10c, lb. \$1.25.
Mimulus, Gloxinia-flowered, orange, tinged, white, red, spotted.
Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, dwarf, spotted-leaved, all colors, fine.
Marigold, African and French. Double sorts, all colors, mixed.
Myosotis, Forget-me-not, large-flowered, early sorts, all colors.
Nemesia strumosa, new colors, large-flowered, showy, mixed.
Nicotiana Affinis, mixed colors, fragrant; beautiful.
Nicotiana Sandera, mixed colors, profuse bloomer; handsome.
Nigella Damascena, Love in a Mist, white and blue, double, mixed.
Pansy, large-flowered, fragrant and finely marked; colors mixed.
Job's Tears, (Coix), grass; bead-like seeds, for fancy work; worn about the neck for croup and sore throat; 50 seeds 8 cts. 1 oz. 25 cts.
Enothra, Evening Primrose, large-flowered, golden yellow.
Petunia, Single, large-flowered, plain and ruffled, mixed.
Petunia, Double, Ruffled Giant, finest seeds, mixed colors.
Phlox, Drummondii, large-flowered, everblooming annuals; make a glorious bed; elegant for pots, all colors mixed.
Poppy, large-flowered Shirley, fine flowers, pretty shades; mixed.



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MYOSOTIS



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POPPY



PANSY



PETUNIA



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AQUILEGIA



ANEMONE JAPONICA-



ARABIS ALPINA



CENTAUREA



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AGROSTEMMA



ALYSSUM



AURICULA



AUBRIETIA

Poppy, a fine mixture of Carnation flowered, Ranunculus - flowered, Pæony-flowered, Shirley and Tulip Poppy in all the finest colors.

Poppy, Giant Feather-ball, huge double flowers, rich shades, mixed.

Portulaca, double and single in all colors from white to crimson.

Ricinus, New Giant and other sorts mixed, for groups, hedges.

Salvia, early-flowered kinds, very showy in masses; best mixture.

Salpiglossis, large-flowered, gorgeous colors; finest mixture.

Scabiosa, Mourning Bride, giant double-flowered, white, rose, lilac, scarlet, black, blue, etc., excellent for bouquets; mixture.

Schizanthus, Butterfly Flower, Orchid-like blossoms, in profusion; many colors, all richly marked.

Senecio Elegans, an elegant dwarf plants for beds and edgings; very handsome free blooming; mixed.

Stock, Ten Weeks' Giant Excel sior earliest blooming Stock, large spikes of Rose-like, sweet-scented flowers of handsome colors.

Tropeolum, (Nasturtium), Tom Thumb, dwarf; splendid for beds or pots; rich colors, free-blooming all summer; mixed, oz. 15 cts.

Valeriana, a foot high; small flowers in large clusters, fine mixed.

Verbena, Ma m o t h - flowered, sweet-scented flowers in large clusters; large blooms; all colors.

Viola, Tufted Fanny, finest mixture, all colors, white to purple.

Wallflower, New Parisian, large flower clusters, sweet-scented.

Zinnia, New Mammoth, in fine mixture of all colors, flowers very large and showy as Dahlias, covering plant with mass of bloom.

EVERLASTINGS.

Acroclinium, mixed; **Ammobium alatum**; **Gomphrena**, mixed; **Helipterum Sanfordii**; **Helichrysum monstrosum**, mixed; **Rhodanthem**, mixed; **Gypsophilla**, mixed; **Xeranthemum**, mixed; **Briza maxima**, Grass. I can supply separate packets of all of these.

FINE ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Cardiospermum, Love in a puff, trellis vine; inflated capsules.

Cypress Vine, white, rose and scarlet mixed; fine foliage.

Cobæa Scandens, rapid climber, 30 feet high; big purple bells.

Dolichos, Hyacinth Bean, robust climber, big bean clusters.

Gourds and Cucumbers, fine lot of best sorts; mixture of all.

Gourd, Nest Egg, robust vine; the fruits fine for nest eggs.

Hop, Japanese, variegated vine.

Ipomœa, splendid sorts mixed.

Maurandya, lovely vine, mixed.

Morning Glory, single and double; also Japanese sorts mixed.

Sweet Peas, mixed, oz. 5 cts.

Thunbergia alata, lovely vine, bearing an abundance of rich bloom all season; mixed.

Tropeolum, Climbing Nasturtium. Mixed ¼lb, 20 cts, oz. 5 cts.

HARDY BIENNIALS AND PERENNIALS.

Aquilegia, Columbine, beautiful perennials, rich colors mixed.

Alyssum, Gold Dust, masses of sweet, golden clusters; 1 ft high.

Arabis alpina, white, early flower; 8 in.; fine for edging or bed.

Adlumia, Achillea, Adenophora, Adonis, Agrostemma, Ajuga, Aubrietia, Anemone, each 5 cents.

Campanula, Canterbury Bell; 2 feet; rich-colored bells, mixed.

Carnation, Hardy Garden, double, sweet-scented Pinks; mixed.

Centaurea, Cerastium, Chelone, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Crucianella, Dianthus Gaillardia, 5 cts.

Delphinium, Orchid-flowering, hardy perennial; big spikes, rich.

Digitalis, Foxglove, hardy biennials, long spikes, drooping bells.

Hollyhock, Chater's Double very finest strain of fluffy blooms.

Linum Perenne, Perennial Flax rich flowered bedding plant, mxd.

Pinks and Picotees, fine garden plants, flowers double, rich.

Platycodon, hardy perennials; blue and white flowers, mixed.

Perennial Phlox, a grand perennial; seeds start tardily; mixed.

Perennial Poppy, huge foliage, rich bloom; finest hybrids.

Perennial Pea, Everblooming, large clusters, red, white, mixed.

Primrose, hardy, spring-blooming edging; many rich colors.

Sweet William, Single, double, large; white, crimson, variegated.

Pyrethrum, Perennial Cosmos; fine foliage, Cosmos-like bloom.

CHOICE WINDOW GARDEN SEEDS.

Abutilon, Chinese Maple, bell flowers, white, yellow, red, mixed.

Asparagus, ornamental, mixed.

Begonia, Fibrous and Tuberous rooted; everblooming, all colors.

Calceolaria, large, spotted, rich-colored clusters, mixed.

Cineraria, large-flowered, winter-blooming plants; showy. Mixed.

Coleus, New Fancy, fine pot and bedding foliage plants. Mixture.

Cyclamen, large-flowered, winter-bloomers, colors mixed.

Cyperus, Umbrella Plant, a lovely water plant; grown in a large pot it is as fine as a Palm.

Geranium, Zonale, choice, large-flowered, large-clustered sorts.

Gloxinia, large-flowered, easily grown from seeds; fine mixture.

Heliotrope, New Lemoine sorts, big clusters of sweet flowers.

Jerusalem Cherry, a splendid pot plant with showy scarlet and orange berries.

Lantana, New Dwarf and Large sorts mixed.

Primula Obconica, mixed.

Primrose, Chinese Fringed, fine flowers, many lovely colors.

Smilax, Boston, an exquisite pot vine, graceful and easily grown.

Torenia, lovely, free-blooming pot plant of easy culture, mixed.

GEO. W. PARK, La Park, Pa.



CERASTIUM



CHELONE



CHRYSANTHEMUM



COREOPSIS



CRUCIANELLA



DELPHINIUM



DIANTHUS



GAILLARDIA



CAMPANULA



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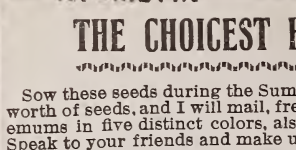
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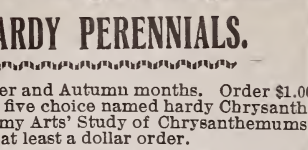
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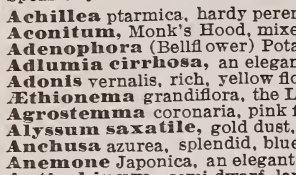
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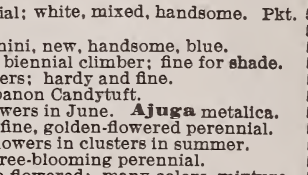
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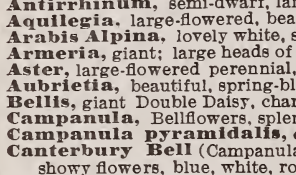
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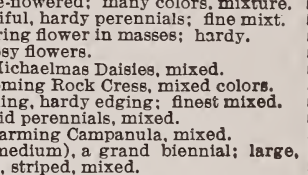
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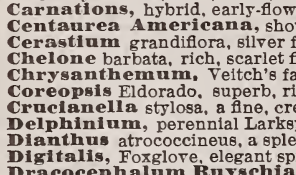
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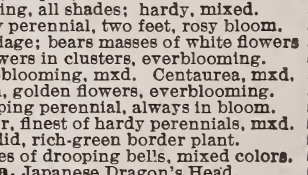
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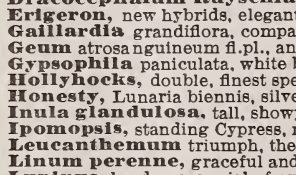
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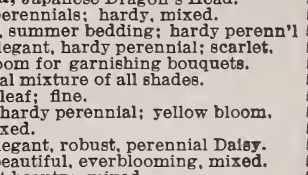
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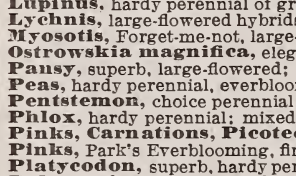
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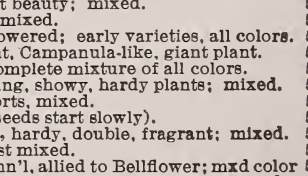
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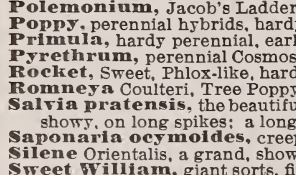
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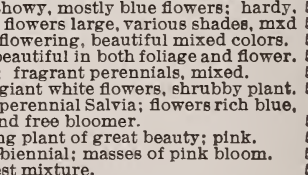
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THE CHOICEST HARDY PERENNIALS.

Sow these seeds during the Summer and Autumn months. Order \$1.00 worth of seeds, and I will mail, free, five choice named hardy Chrysanthemums in five distinct colors, also my Arts' Study of Chrysanthemums. Speak to your friends and make up at least a dollar order.

Achillea ptarmica, hardy perennial; white, mixed, handsome. Pkt. 5
Aconitum, Monk's Hood, mixed. 5
Adenophora (Bellflower) Potannini, new, handsome, blue. 5
Adlumia cirrhosa, an elegant, biennial climber; fine for shade. 5
Adonis vernalis, rich, yellow flowers; hardy and fine. 5
Ethionema grandiflora, the Lebanon Candytuft. 5
Agrostemma coronaria, pink flowers in June. **Ajuga metalica**. 5
Alyssum saxatile, gold dust, a fine, golden-flowered perennial. 5
Anchusa azurea, splendid, blue flowers in clusters in summer. 5
Anemone Japonica, an elegant, free-blooming perennial. 5
Antirrhinum, semi-dwarf, large-flowered; many colors, mixture. 5
Aquilegia, large-flowered, beautiful, hardy perennials; fine mixt. 5
Arabis Alpina, lovely white, spring flower in masses; hardy. 5
Armeria, giant; large heads of rosy flowers. 5
Aster, large-flowered perennial, Michaelmas Daisies, mixed. 5
Aubrietia, beautiful, spring-blooming Rock Cress, mixed colors. 5
Bellis, giant Double Daisy, charming, hardy edging; finest mixed. 5
Campanula, Bellflowers, splendid perennials, mixed. 5
Campanula pyramidalis, charming Campanula, mixed. 5
Canterbury Bell (Campanula medium), a grand biennial; large, 5
 showy flowers, blue, white, rose, striped, mixed. 5
Carnations, hybrid, early-flowering, all shades; hardy, mixed. 5
Centaurea Americana, showy perennial, two feet, rosy bloom. 5
Cerastium grandiflora, silver foliage; bears masses of white flowers 5
Chelone barbata, rich, scarlet flowers in clusters, everblooming. 5
Chrysanthemum, Vetch's fall-blooming, mxd. **Centaurea**, mxd. 5
Coreopsis Eldorado, superb, rich, golden flowers, everblooming. 5
Crucianella stylosa, a fine, creeping perennial, always in bloom. 5
Delphinium, perennial Larkspur, finest of hardy perennials, mxd. 5
Dianthus atrococcineus, a splendid, rich-green border plant. 5
Digitalis, Foxglove, elegant spikes of drooping bells, mixed colors. 5
Dracocephalum Ruyschiana, Japanese Dragon's Head. 5
Erigeron, new hybrids, elegant perennials; hardy, mixed. 5
Gaillardia grandiflora, compact, summer bedding; hardy perenn'l 5
Geum atrosanguineum fl.pl., an elegant, hardy perennial; scarlet. 5
Gypsophila paniculata, white bloom for garnishing bouquets. 5
Hollyhocks, double, finest special mixture of all shades. 5
Honesty, Lunaria biennis, silver-leaf; fine. 5
Inula glandulosa, tall, showy, hardy perennial; yellow bloom. 5
Ipomopsis, standing Cypress, mixed. 5
Leucanthemum triumph, the elegant, robust, perennial Daisy. 5
Linum perenne, graceful and beautiful, everblooming, mixed. 5
Lupinus, hardy perennial of great beauty; mixed. 5
Lychnis, large-flowered hybrids, mixed. 5
Myosotis, Forget-me-not, large-flowered; early varieties, all colors. 5
Ostrowskia magnifica, elegant, Campanula-like, giant plant. 5
Pansy, superb, large-flowered; complete mixture of all colors. 5
Peas, hardy perennial, everblooming, showy, hardy plants; mixed. 5
Pentstemon, choice perennial sorts, mixed. 5
Phlox, hardy perennial: mixed (seeds start slowly). 5
Pinks, **Carnations**, **Picotees**, hardy, double, fragrant; mixed. 5
Pinks, Park's Everblooming, finest mixed. 5
Platycodon, superb, hardy perenn'l, allied to Bellflower; mxd color 5
Polemonium, Jacob's Ladder, showy, mostly blue flowers; hardy. 5
Poppay, perennial hybrids, hardy; flowers large, various shades, mxd 5
Primula, hardy perennial, early flowering, beautiful mixed colors. 5
Pyrethrum, perennial Cosmos, beautiful in both foliage and flower. 5
Rocket, Sweet, Phlox-like, hardy; fragrant perennials, mixed. 5
Romneya Coulteri, Tree Poppy; giant white flowers, shrubby plant. 5
Salvia pratensis, the beautiful, perennial Salvia; flowers rich blue, 5
 showy, on long spikes; a long and free bloomer. 5
Saponaria ocyroides, creeping plant of great beauty; pink. 5
Silene Orientalis, a grand, showy biennial; masses of pink bloom. 5
Sweet William, giant sorts, finest mixture. 5
Tunica saxifraga, a lovely, hardy edging; rich-green foliage. 5
Verbascum Olympticum, Oriental Mullein; stately, showy biennial. 5
Veronica spicata, rich, blue spikes of bloom; fine. 5
Viola odorata, finest named sorts in mixture; seeds start tardily. 5
Viola, Tufted Pansy, finest mixture of colors from white to deep purple; 5
 many variegated; fine for beds; hardy, scented; mixed. 5
Wallflower, Non Plus Ultra, double, most beautiful of all; mixed. 5

Address

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Penn'a.



ANEMONE JAPONICA



ARABIS ALPINA



GAILLARDIA

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ohio.—Mr. Park:—I was raised upon a farm, and am a farmer's wife, and would not trade places with any sister living in town. The farmers' lawns are plenty and all nicely kept around here. Our lawn is 95x120 feet, and kept mowed all summer. And flowers! Don't mention them, for I have a lot. My Cobaea vines were simply grand last year. Two plants covered a space 20 feet high by 20 feet wide. Going some, was it not? I am growing some more this year, also seedling Cannas, Thunbergia, Adlumia, Mixed Gourds, and about 20 varieties of annuals. I have an Asparagus Sprengerii raised from seed one year ago, and the sprays are 15 inches long. My Primula obconica is simply grand. I have Cineraria flowers three inches across, the plants covered with them, and ever so many different varieties. I am in love with your Magazine, and simply could not do without it.

Glenmont, O., Mar. 28, 1911. A Flower Lover.

From Florida.—Mr. Park:—I wonder if Mrs. F. Wenger's enquiry in the March Floral, for a name for her "little, white slender shoots," would be answered, if I told her it may be another parasitic growth—another Ghost-Flower, like our well-known Indian Pipe, which comes from decayed vegetation, and are singularly beautiful and fairy-like.

"In shining groups, each stem a pearly ray.
Weird flecks of light, within the shadowed wood,
They dwell aloof—a spotless sisterhood,
No Angelus, except the wild birds' lay."

I was pleased with what Mrs. Reuben Barnes said of flower "beggars." I never call them "beggars," for the fact—that anyone who loves a flower well enough to want one like mine, makes me love to divide with them, and there may be reasons, we do not know of, why they ask for it, and one often sends and sends, and doesn't get the very same flower.

I am also in touch with Mrs. Mary Diehl, for with me birds and flowers go hand in hand, as do music and poetry. I will soon leave my Florida home, and seek "The West Virginia Hills" for my summer home. Mrs. R. S. Truslow.

Miami, Florida, Mar. 28, 1911.

From Arkansas.—I live among the Boston mountains of Arkansas, where the valleys are garden spots, and the mountains high and covered with fine timber and beautiful flowers; and where the water is pure and plentiful. Our crops are corn, oats, wheat and cotton, and almost any plants of the temperate zone thrive here. We have a good school, attended by a large number of students. I enjoy reading the Floral Magazine, and will exchange postals with readers.

(Miss) Rowena Nichols.

Mt. Jordan, Ark., April 10, 1911

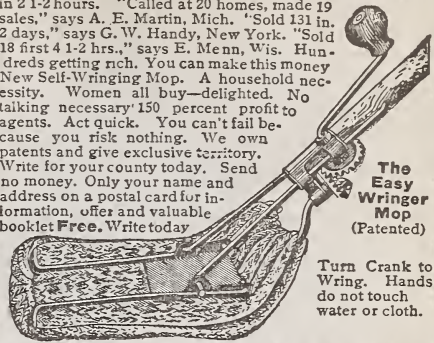
From Texas.—Mr. Park:—Recently a friend and myself climbed the range of red, stony mountains back of my home. After ascending two peaks we passed a regular forest of Yuccas, some of them ten feet high. We then ascended another peak overlooking Suicide Gulch and Jaurez, Mexico, and we could plainly hear the guns in the battle at Bowche Station, between Orozco and Ralaga's troops. We then descended to some shelving rock on the cliffs of Suicide Gulch, and what do you think I found! First, a specimen of Mamillaria tuberosus; and while digging it up I found 20 cents in money, old and corroded, doubtless dropped there by some poor soul who had gone there to pass over the Great Divide. I then looked around and found some grand specimens of Mamillaria Pursillii, the most beautiful Cactus I have ever seen; also Echinocereus pectinatus rigidissimus, the genuine Rainbow Cactus. It certainly was a beauty. Also Echinocactus horizontalis and Opuntia brevispinus. I have found ten kinds here in all, and have made several rockeries of them which I intend to have photographed when in bloom.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17, 1911. Ella P. Haust.

LADY SEWERS wanted to make up shields at home; \$10 per 100; can make 2 an hour; work sent prepaid to reliable women. Send reply envelope for information to **UNIVERSAL CO.**, Dept. 31, Phila., Pa.

AGENTS \$50 TO \$75 EVERY WEEK

Biggest seller ever invented. One man's orders \$2650.00 one month—profit \$1650.00. Mere boy in Pa. made \$9.00 in 2 1/2 hours. "Called at 20 homes, made 19 sales," says A. E. Martin, Mich. "Sold 131 in 2 days," says G. W. Handy, New York. "Sold 18 first 4 1/2 hrs.," says E. Menn, Wis. Hundreds getting rich. You can make this money New Self-Wringing Mop. A household necessity. Women all buy—delighted. No talking necessary! 150 percent profit to agents. Act quick. You can't fail because you risk nothing. We own patents and give exclusive territory. Write for your county today. Send no money. Only your name and address on a postal card for information, offer and valuable booklet **Free**. Write today



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Clay Lick, O., April 1, 1911.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

About Birds.—Mr. Park:—When we first came to this suburb, five years ago, Blue-birds and Robins tried for two years to build in a box-like place under the porch eaves. Since then I have seen no wild birds except Song Sparrows. The English Sparrows have completely routed them. I have watched them chase Blue-birds till the latter were breathless. You are right—our native birds decrease as the English Sparrows increase. Many persons here throw out bread, and feed their chickens out-doors, and the English Sparrows claim their toll. Why did they ever bring the little pest to this country? I think Mr. Boyer might have destroyed the young English Sparrows in some other way than feeding them to the cats, thus developing a tendency to kill all birds. The preservation of native birds should be taught to all children and the difference explained between useful and destructive species. My father says the English Robin can fight and rout the English Sparrow. It is to be regretted that the American Robin is not more aggressive with the pest. Our legislators seem too busy buying votes, grafting, and serving the "Interests" and "Corporations" instead of the people, to trouble about taking strenuous methods for the preservation of our insectivorous birds.

Mary R. Kertland.

East Lansdowne, Pa., Mar. 16, 1911.

Flies.—The "tiny flies" seen among plants do no special harm, but they indicate a sour condition of the soil which is detrimental to the plants. Let the soil become almost dry then apply hot lime water until it flows freely from the drainage hole at the bottom of the pot. If the drainage is clogged it may be necessary to repot the plant in fresh, sweet earth.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Protecting Peas.—Mr. Park:—Kindly tell us how to protect our garden and Sweet Peas from the Sparrows. We haven't been able to raise a garden Pea for a long time, on account of the detestable English Sparrows, which eat the tender, green vines as soon as they appear above the ground.—Mrs. F. H. Southwell, N. Y.

Ans.—If you have a cat it can be used to advantage in keeping the Sparrows away. Simply stretch a wire the length of the rows and to a ring on the wire attach a cord to which the cat is tethered by a collar-band. Have an accessible box or keg laid side-wise, containing some straw, to make the cat



comfortable at night and during daytime when not on duty. This device is also effectual in keeping birds away from the Strawberry bed. See engraving. Another way to protect Peas and Strawberries from birds, swing a stuffed cat to a bent pole in the centre of the bed, using a good cord, so that the dummy may vibrate freely in the wind. To protect Cherries the pole should extend above the tree. No bird will venture beneath. Another remedy is to stretch a fine meshed chicken wire along, four inches distant from the row on one side, and a narrower strip on the other side, leaning the strands, and attaching them. The Sparrows will not venture inside, and the wire will make a fine trellis to support the Peas.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Washington.—Mr. Park:—I took your Magazine in my childhood home, and am taking it yet. It is a source of pleasure and profit. ** I have never worn a wing or a bird on my hat. Let us watch our boys, dogs and cats. Those who have studied the subject say "Take away all the birds from this earth and man could not exist more than eight years." The insects would become so numerous they would destroy everything. ** A subscriber from Wyoming wrote a very interesting letter about her state. I wish someone in Eastern Washington and Montana, where lands are cheap, and where there are homesteads, would write about it. Their letters would help a good many wanting a home. Addie Yakley.

Castle Rock, Wash., Mar. 10, 1911.

From Cuba.—Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy 15 years old, and enjoy reading your Magazine very much, as it has so many interesting things in it. I have been living here in Cuba for five years, and like it. It has been cool and delightful here ever since last October. We grow some beautiful flowers. We have two kinds of Hibiscus, double and single red. Also Lilies, Zinnias and Cannas do well here, and other flowers, too. My aunt has had 17 different kinds of Roses in her garden. We have a grove of the sweetest seedless Oranges anybody ever tasted, and Marsh Seedless Grape Fruit, too. It has been quite dry here this winter, but the ground retains a great deal of moisture, so that things keep growing pretty well. Postals exchanged. Wilber J. Scoville.

Santa Lucia Colony, Nuevitas, Cuba.

From Kentucky.—Mr. Park:—I am a widow 60 years old, but operate a large farm, and have a fine garden, including vegetables and flowers. I agree with Cranky Bachelor on the Tobacco subject. I cannot see how a refined woman could love and welcome a husband befouled with the nasty tobacco. The begrimed face and filthy, poisonous odor are truly offensive.

Epworth, Ky.,

Mrs. Belle T. Jones.

From New York.—Mr. Park:—The four vines I raised from six seeds of Cobeca Scandens last year were so much admired, and I expect to be the envy of all my friends this summer, for I hope to have a glorious show of Cobeca again. Livingston Co., N. Y. Mrs. F. H. Southwell.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 13 years old, and get your Magazine every month, I wish it came every day. I shall try to get a club of subscribers for it. I am fond of puzzles, and give one as follows: 9—12,9,11,5—16,1,18,11,19—6,12,15,18,1,12—13,1,7,1,26,9,14,5. Number the letters of the alphabet 1, 2, 3, etc., and read. Lola Hale.

Lone City, Ohio, Box 35, March 18, 1911.

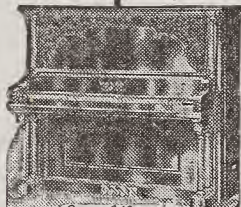
Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl 10 years old. I love flowers, and expect to have a large garden this season. Mamma has a great many. School is out now, but when I went to school it seemed to be nearly always fine weather for the birds were always singing. Dessa Jessup.

Cherokee, Kan. R. 1.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 10 years old, and like Roses and Easter Lilies. I will have a little garden of my own this year. We live in the edge of the village and have Rhode Island Red chickens, and think they are splendid. We also have white swans. Flawn Flannigan.

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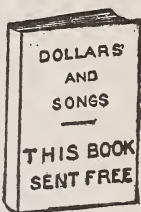
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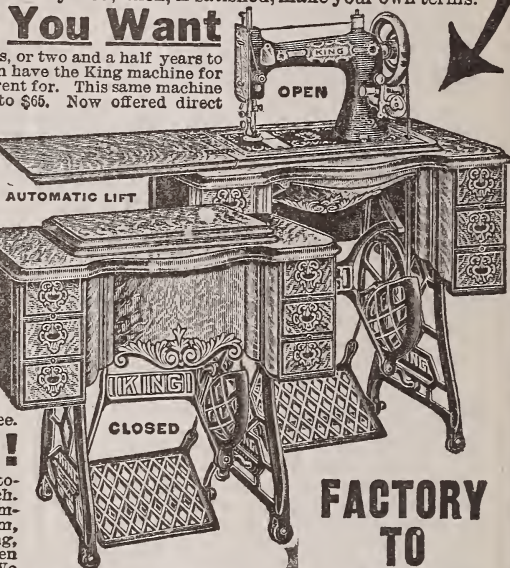
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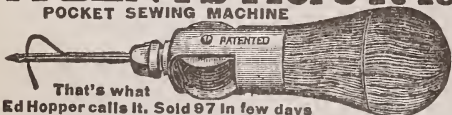
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EDITORIAL NOTICE.

Garden Photograph.—Mr. H. N. Connell, Auburn, Wash., sends a photograph of his garden as it appeared in the culture. It indicates a fine collection of foliage and blooming plants, and taste and skill in management.

Mrs. F. S. Hess, Ravensdale, Wash., sends two photographic views of her glorious beds of Sweet Peas and Asters, taken last autumn. The display was one to be proud of, and I regret that the pictures could not be reproduced.

Questions.—I am always glad to answer questions, but during the busy season hundreds reach me every week. Many of these are answered by mail, some in the Magazine, and often it is impossible to answer all personally, as there is a limit to human ability. Sometimes a careful reading of the Magazine would make certain questions unnecessary, as they were recently answered. Often several questions are answered together in a note in the Editorial columns. An enquiry before me, dated March 20th, asks for an answer to be given in April Magazine. Now, the pages mostly go to the electrotype foundry before that time. It takes a week to make about 150 plates for printing, and eight days to print and mail the 600,000 copies. My friends, therefore, often underestimate the time and work required to issue the Magazine. Often, too, enquiries do not come to my notice, for some reason, until weeks after received. So enquirers should be lenient and patient, and repeat their questions if not answered in two or three months.

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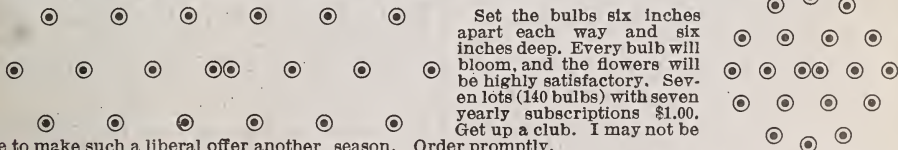
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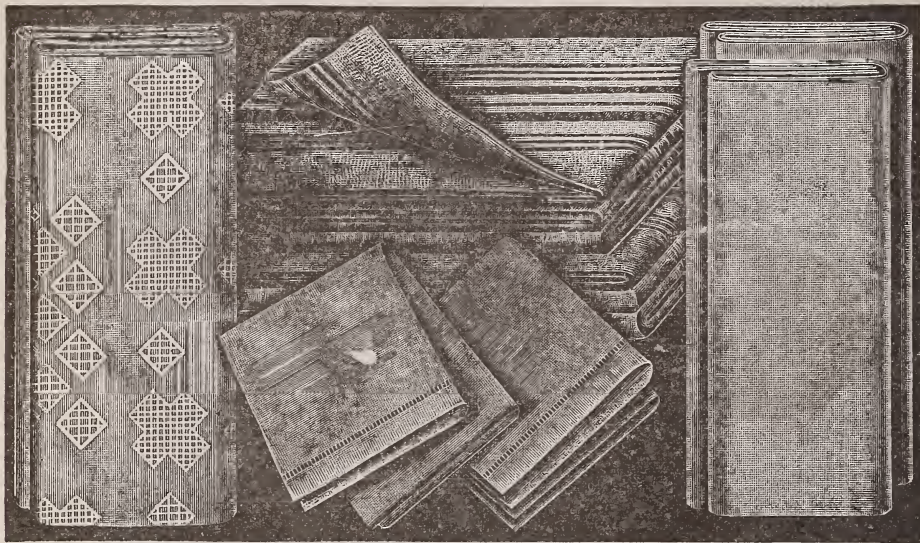
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MAY.

Bloom, O flowers, it is the May!
Old earth must don a bright array.
Midst the trees the birds are singing,
All the air with carols ringing.

As the May-time days are sweetest,
Seemeth that they are the fleetest;
Like a streamlet swiftly flowing,
Is the gladsome pilgrim going.

Jamaica, N. Y.

Mrs. Sada Ballard.

NIGELLA, MISS JEKYLL.

NIGELLA DAMASCENA is an old garden hardy annual well-known as Love-in-a-mist, and Devil-in-the-bush, both names evidently meaning the same, at

least when applied to this beautiful flower. The plant is a native of southern Europe, and was brought into cultivation in 1570, since which time it has been generally disseminated. It grows a foot high, branches freely, and bears a large, showy flower at the tip of each branch, surrounded by a finely divided involucre. The most attractive and handsome of the varieties is the new one advertised as Miss Jekyll. In my wood engraving, Mr. Ousey has given us a representation of the flower in the accompanying illustration, but a mass of the flowers together must be seen to realize its superior beauty. The color is a rich, distinct blue, made more pleasing by

contrast with the delicate green involucre which veils the petals. The flowers are borne in great abundance, appear well in a bed, and are lovely when cut and used in a bouquet for either room or personal adornment.

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Madeira Vine.—This is a beautiful tuberous-rooted vine from Mexico and South America, known in botany as *Boussingaultia baselloides*. It grows rapidly to the height of thirty feet, with a soft, thick, fleshy stem, and massive foliage that is retained throughout the season. In the autumn the whole top becomes a mass of lovely, sweet-scented white flowers in delicate racemes. The vine likes a sunny situation, and twines to the right. The tubers are not hardy, and must be kept from frost. They are very prolific, and a plant grown in a small pot, will soon develop tubers to such an extent as to break the pot. The vine is fine for covering a summer house or porch or gallery, and is of the easiest culture. It belongs to *Chenopodiaceæ*, the Goose-foot family.

Bottom Heat.—This is a term often used by florists who have facilities to heat the soil without specially heating the atmosphere. This is mostly done by heated pipes beneath the sand or soil on the bench used for propagating or growing plants. In a limited way the amateur can utilize heated bricks, or by some arrangement pipes or radiators can be brought into service for bottom heat. In securing bottom heat attention must be given to keeping the atmosphere cool and moist while the soil is warm and moist.

Banksian Rose.—This is a spineless Rose from China, almost evergreen, and includes varieties bearing white and yellow flowers. It requires a warm place, as the south side of a wall, where it will be protected from wind and severe cold. It is hardy South, but needs protection at the North. Specimens that do not bloom should be root-pruned and fertilized with bonedust.

Geranium Blight.—Occasionally a blight or fungus attacks Ivy Geraniums, and even Zonale Geraniums. To get rid of it, cut and burn all the affected leaves, and dust the remaining foliage with lime and sulphur, using a cloth dust-bag. Avoid direct sunshine upon the foliage while the dust is on.

YOUNG REX BEGONIAS.

REX BEGONIAS are easily started from the mature leaves, by cutting the stem short and inserting the stub in sand until the leaf lies flat upon the surface; then cut the veins just below the forks and pin the forks down into or close upon the sand. The sand is then kept moist and the leaf enclosed by a bell glass, or glass dish, and in a shady place until roots form. They are then taken up and bedded in a shallow tray of woods earth or porous potting compost, and each little plant is protected by a glass tumbler. Give good light, but not direct sunshine, and ventilate occasionally by raising the tumbler above the surface to let in the air.



REX BEGONIA.

When well established pot in four-inch pots of light, porous soil with charcoal drainage, and shade again with tumblers until growth begins, when they may be gradually exposed to the air of the plant window. The chief requisite in the culture of Rex Begonias is moist air. A hot, dry atmosphere is ruinous, and will soon cause the foliage to turn brown and the plants to die, especially if the hot sun-rays have free access.

Names.—Madeira Vine and Cinnamon Vine as generally known are not the same. The former is *Boussingaultia baselloides*, and belongs to the natural order *Chenopodiaceæ*, and the latter is *Dioscorea Batatas*, and belongs to the natural order *Dioscoreaceæ*. The Madeira Vine is not hardy where the ground freezes, and the tubers must be taken up after frost and kept in sand or dry earth in a frost-proof room. The Cinnamon Vine can remain in the ground for years without being disturbed, the roots being deep, below frost. Both have small white, richly scented flowers.

Angle Worms.—To get rid of these let the soil become almost dry, then apply hot lime water until the water comes through the drainage hole freely, then jar the pot, and the worms will come to the surface and can be removed. Simply patting the surface of the soil gently, will often bring them to the surface.

Water Lilies in Winter.—The common Water Lily is hardy left in the pond where the ground does not freeze. Freezing of the water will not hurt the roots if they are imbedded in the soil at the bottom.

**BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA
SANDERII.****BELLADONNA LILY.**

BOUGAINVILLEAS are climbing shrubs from South America, somewhat spiny, with dense, rich, green foliage, and bearing flowers in large panicles. Each cluster of the yellow blooms is attended by a trio of broad, showy, rosy-lilac bracts beautifully veined. These are produced early in spring, where the plants are grown out-doors in a mild climate: but in pots in a greenhouse at the North, if properly managed, they will bloom during the holidays, assuming the form of the illustration, and are prized at that season for room decoration. The plants are elegant for a trellis, or to cover a wall in a greenhouse, and make a gorgeous display when in bloom. The showy part being the flower-bracts, as in the Poinsettia, you can readily understand how lasting is the blooming season, and how little affected by the atmosphere are the so-called flowers.

Plants are readily propagated from side shoots taken with a heel, or from cuttings of the half-ripened wood, placed in sand, and covered with a frame or bell-glass. Pot these in 2½-inch pots, and shift into larger pots as the plants develop. Cut the shoots back to make the plant bushy, unless they are given a trellis, or grown as a vine. Water freely while growing, but sparingly when inactive. Give full sunshine to ripen the wood and form blooming buds. That the flowers may develop well and show to advantage it is sometimes necessary to prune out superfluous branches, and thus avoid crowding.

In southern Florida this vine is common, and when once established it will almost care for itself. It makes a free growth during the wet season, and the bright sunshine and dry autumn insure a profusion of bloom. In central Mexico, too, this splendid vine seems at home. I recall the showiness and beauty of a large specimen that decorated the home of an old German at Iripanta, Mexico, when I was there some years ago. It covered one end of the veranda, and extended above to the eaves of the house, and the whole was a mass of rosy-lilac bloom with a shining green background. It will never be forgotten.

THE BEAUTIFUL Belladonna Lily is treated the same as *Amaryllis*, and unless so treated the plant will not prove satisfactory as a blooming plant, and such complaints as the following, from a western sister, are likely to be made:

Mr. Editor:—Why does my Belladonna Lily fail to bloom? The bulb was brought to me from my sister's yard in California, three and a half years ago. Immediately after potting, it sent up flower stalks, and had nine great blossoms, but it has not bloomed since. It grows and develops nice green foliage, dies down, grows again, and so on every year. Answer through the Magazine—Addie Kendall, Neb., Feb. 25, 1911.

In California the plant had a season of rest during the dry period, and during that period it developed the flower-buds in embryo in the bulb. Then, when the wet season came all

that was necessary was for the buds to push above ground and open into fine, large flowers. At the North we must imitate Nature by withholding water, and allowing the bulb a season of complete rest for several months. In the case of *Amaryllis Johnsonii* water is withheld until the buds begin to push out, or until growth starts, and the same rule should be observed with the *Belladonna Lily*. When growing and blooming, however, give sunshine and plenty of water.



BOUGAINVILLEA GLABRA SANDERII.

Phlox Drummondii.—This is an annual, propagated from seeds. The plants should be set six inches

apart, and when they begin to grow pinch out the centre, to promote low branching. When the flowers appear cut them freely, to prevent seed-formation, and the blooming period will be greatly prolonged—indeed till after frost. If seeds are allowed to ripen, the plants will grow lank and leafless, and will produce but few flowers later in the season.

Montbretia.—The varieties of *Montbretia* resemble *Gladiolus* in foliage, and slightly in flower, but the stem branches in spreading form, and the flowers are not crowded. A plant soon stools out into a clump, and makes a fine display. The plants are hardy in a sheltered place as far north as southern Pennsylvania.

PALM DRYING.

WHEN A PALM dries and turns brown at the tips, and loses its older leaves it is mostly because of the atmosphere being too dry. As soon as the weather becomes warm set the plant out on the porch, at the north or east side of the house, using a large jardiniere to enclose the pot, and filling in with sphagnum moss between. Also, place sphagnum moss over the surface soil, to pre-



PALM, ARECA LUTESCENS.

vent rapid evaporation. Take the plant in on windy days, as wind is liable to ruin the leaves. Morning and evening sunshine is beneficial. See that the drainage is good, and apply a little lime to the surface to keep the soil in good condition.

Failure with Seeds.—Many failures with seeds are due to neglect of the seed-box or bed before the seeds have had time to germinate. Seeds vary greatly in their time of germination. Some come up in three days, while others require three years. Sometimes seedlings fail to appear because of an insect destroying the tender germs before they come above the ground. A fungus is also liable to attack the tender plantlets and destroy them before they have been noticed. Patience and watchful care are needed in starting seeds, and where a failure occurs the fault generally lies in the lack of care rather than in the seeds.

Cactus Blooming.—To promote free-blooming of a Cactus plant plunge the pot in a warm place and do not water it unless it begins to dry up and wilt during a severe drouth, which is not likely to occur. Usually too much root-room is given to a Cactus, and too much moisture about the roots to encourage the formation of flower buds and the development of flowers.

POLEMONIUM REPTAUS.

FROM ILLINOIS I HAVE a pressed spray of wild flowers with the following note:

Mr. Park:—I am enclosing flowers and foliage of one of our wild flowers, and would like to know its name. I never heard any name for it, but as the flowers are in the shape of little blue bells, I have given them that name, though there is another kind of blue bell that grows wild here. — V. G., Ill., April 17, 1911.



POLEMONIUM REPTAUS.

The name is Polemonium reptans, closely related to Jacob's Ladder, Polemonium Coeruleum, found in gardens. It is very pretty, and is more or less cultivated. It is a perennial of slender habit, forms a dense clump, and is mostly found in a moist, shady place. It is well deserving of a place in our gardens.

Resetting Narcissus.—Narcissus bulbs propagate rapidly by offsets, and a bulb soon becomes a clump. As the new bulbs issue from beneath the old ones the clump not only becomes crowded, but too deep in the earth to do well. It must therefore be lifted, divided and reset every fourth or fifth year, to get the best results.



Non-blooming Amaryllis.—When Amaryllis does not bloom bed it out in the spring in a sunny place, in rich, well-drained soil, and keep well cultivated till hot weather comes, then mulch the surface soil liberally. When frost comes lift the bulbs, dry them off entirely, and keep in a cool, frost-proof room till flower-buds begin to show, then repot. This treatment will generally result in a fine scape of flowers every season.

Heliotrope Blight.—The Heliotrope is subject to a blight which causes the leaves to turn black, and eventually the whole plant is ruined. It appears when the atmosphere is too cold and damp, or changeable. The Heliotrope thrives in a warm, sunny bed in summer, and such conditions promote its healthy growth in winter. Lime and sulphur stirred into the soil will lighten it, and prove beneficial, but is not an absolute remedy.

THE GARDEN BALSAM.

THE Garden Balsam, *Impatiens balsamina*, is so easily grown from seeds and cuttings, and so beautiful in foliage and flowers, that it is a general favorite. It is also as useful for pots in the window in winter or summer, as well as for the garden, though its value for this purpose is not well known. In a note recently a subscriber writes her experience, as follows:

Mr. Editor:—My Balsam seeds were sown in the open ground last year. They came up thickly, and were not thinned, as the season was dry. They grew tall, with few branches, and as buds formed the single-flowered plants were cut out so as to not injure roots of the double ones, and a six inch mulch of rotted manure was given the bed. Water was applied freely every day. There were many colors, and the flowers were the largest I ever saw. I was told they were much finer than the prize ones at the fairs.

In the spring, while sowing, I purposely mixed in some single seeds, as for some reason I think the young plants grow better if left thick while small.

When thinning the Balsams, one was such a lovely salmon-pink that I put it in water till roots came, then potted it in a small pot of rich earth. It soon was a beauty, just wreathed in bloom. Some double blush slips were also rooted and potted, and were very lovely—so easily grown, and so showy. They will bloom all the time, and the flowers last over a week in the house—sometimes much longer. "What are they?"

was the usual question; few knew. Subscriber.

The present month is a good one in which to start the seeds. The plants come on quickly, and soon show wreaths of bloom. For winter-blooming they should be started in midsummer, either from seeds or cuttings, and grown in pots. They are almost as desirable for winter-blooming as the Zanzibar Balsam, and much more rare.

LINUM PERENNE.

A SUBSCRIBER in Kansas asks the name of a plant that grows with slender, wiry stems, and bears showy blue flowers that wave in the breeze and appear in the distance as a blue mist. She may refer to *Linum perenne*, a lovely hardy perennial that opens its flowers bright and fresh every morning, and is always attractive during the day. If kept from seeding, or if the fading plants are cut back the display is kept up all the season.

Plants are easily grown from seeds, and last for years. They are also propagated from self-sown seeds, so that new plants are always coming on. The colors are blue, white and rose. They are beautiful in a bed, the flowers being profusely borne.

Squirrel Corn.—The botanical name of this wildling is *Dicentra Canadensis*. Its common name is derived from the root, which bears a fancied resemblance to a small ear of corn. The plant grows six or eight inches high, bearing small, white, fragrant flowers in spring. It is found in rocky woods from Canada to Kentucky. It is easily transplanted, and does well in any shady bed in the garden.



DOUBLE BALSAM.

Calla Nana Compacta.—This is a very free-blooming variety of *Richardia Aethiopica* or white Calla, and very desirable for the window, as it grows only a foot or fifteen inches high, is very free-blooming, and the flowers are deliciously scented. It is of the easiest culture, and should be better known. Most dealers can supply tubers at from 15 to 20 cents each.

TRITELEIA UNIFLORA.**A MESSAGE.**

THIS is a little Spring flower belonging to the Lily family, introduced from Buenos Ayres. It grows from four to six inches high, bearing a pretty single flower at the summit of a slender stem, each petal tinged with blue, and having a central band of blue running into the throat. Specimens of this little flower are now before me, together with the following note:

Mr. Editor:—Will you please give the name of the flower enclosed? They come early, from a little bulb, and are so pretty in a clump that I wish to get some bulbs, if I can find the name.—M. W., Oskaloosa, Iowa, March 20, 1911.

The common name is Spring Star-flower, but it is generally catalogued as *Triteleia uni-*



TRITELEIA UNIFLORA.

flora. The bulbs are hardy, and bloom with *Scilla Siberica* in early Spring. Autumn is the time to get and plant them, and they may be used as an edging, or several bulbs may be potted and brought into bloom in the window in winter. The plant deserves to become popular.

Australian Palm.—What is generally known as Australian Palm is *Corypha Australis*. The trunk is stout, tall, and cylindrical, crowned by large fan-leaves borne on prickly stems. It grows slowly, and likes much heat and water, with good drainage. Give it a compost of two parts rich, fibrous loam, one part peat and one part sand. In a small state the plants will endure considerable ill-usage, and in consequence it is a favorite for the window.

Dahlias.—These can be started early in a hot-bed or greenhouse, or in boxes, and divided, allowing a tuber or more to each sprout. Those who have facilities can start the clumps and cut the sprouts near the point of issue, placing the cuttings in sand to root. New sprouts will then quickly appear where the cutting was taken, and thus a large increase will be secured.

Lavender.—This deliciously scented herb is easily grown from seeds, but the soil must be kept moist and rather cool after sowing, and the plants must not be expected before ten days or two weeks. The seeds should be fresh.

These flowers from my garden I send you,
Heavy with fragrance and sweet;
Pray list to the message they bring you—
I hope you'll not think it unmeet.—
It is straight from my heart to yours, dear,
Care not if the whole world knows;
The richest and sweetest of secrets,
Their opening petals disclose.
'Tis as pure as their dewy fragrance,
And as warm as their lovely hue,
This message entrusted to them:—
"I love you, dear, only you, only you."

P. B.

SALPIGLOSSIS SINUATA.

THE COLORED illustration on the opposite page represents a group of the beautiful annual, *Salpiglossis Sinuata*, which was introduced from Chile, South America, in the year 1820. The genus contains but two or three closely related species, and belongs to the *Solanum* family. The *Petunia* is so nearly related to *Salpiglossis* that the species, *P. violacea*, is sometimes known as *Salpiglossis integrifolia*, and *P. intermedia* as *Salpiglossis linearis*. The flowers of *S. sinuata* are somewhat like the *Petunia* in size and form, but the plant is slender, of upright growth, sparingly clothed with foliage. The plant forks freely, and the branches produce a flower at the axil of every leaf or bract. The blooming period is therefore prolonged throughout the growing season.

As indicated in the illustration, the flowers are of many attractive shades, varying from white to rich dark purple, and the flowers are further adorned by exquisite dark pencilings, giving them a distinctiveness and a handsome variegation that is rarely found among flowers.

Plants are readily started from seeds, and the young seedlings are not difficult to transplant. Set them six or eight inches apart, in a rich, mellow bed fully exposed to the sun. The plants soon begin to bloom, and increase in beauty as they develop. The new, robust varieties will grow three feet high in a favorable season, and if arranged in a large group or bed the effect when in bloom is indeed charming, for the large, rich flowers waving in the breeze are an ideal of grace and beauty, and an object of general admiration and praise.

It is not too late to sow seeds of this lovely annual during the month of May, and those who wish a rare and attractive display of summer flowers should not fail to obtain and sow the seeds promptly. The plants also do well in pots, several plants being placed in a five-inch pot of good, porous soil, and encouraged to form a symmetrical group. Thus grown they will even bloom well in the window in early winter, if started from seeds during mid-summer. This annual is sometimes called *Salpiglossis Variabilis*, on account of the varied-colors and markings of its flowers. It is truly worthy of general cultivation.



SALPIGLOSSIS SINUATA. — A Beautiful Annual.

EDITORIAL LETTER.

MY DEAR FRIENDS: — We become attached to a tree or plant or cozy bower just as we become attached to a bird or dog or other living thing that we care for as a pet. Continued association enhances the attachment and makes it more enjoyable, if there is no unpleasant interruption, and such an interruption rarely occurs in our association with the plant kingdom. Those of us who spent our childhood upon the farm or in the country, recall with pleasure the "orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wild-wood, and all the loved spots which our infancy knew," and these sweet memories will stay with us as long as life shall last. This is one of the provisions of our kind Creator for the welfare and enjoyment of mankind. We are glad that it is so, and we do well to make friends with Nature in her various forms, and cultivate a closer acquaintance and a clearer knowledge of the things animate and inanimate that come under our observation during life's pilgrimage.

It is true that a plant does not have feelings such as we find in the Animal Kingdom. When wounded it does not have pain, but it suffers in its own way, as we can see by observation. It immediately attempts to bind up the wound, and repair the break in its vital parts, in order to continue its life, and renew its growth. But if the plant or tree does not endure bodily suffering, we who know it, and love it, suffer in our sympathy. I never see a limb carelessly stripped from a young tree, mutilating the main stem and effecting permanent injury to its future development, without a shade of regret that it was not more kindly dealt with. The same feeling is experienced, too, when a big forest oak or other tree is carelessly wounded by the woodman's axe. There is something about a great forest

tree, mighty in its strength, standing noble and erect where it has stood for scores and scores of years, enduring the storms of a century or more, and still affording shelter to such animate objects as seek its protection. Such a tree excites our admiration and respect, and none who have a modicum of sentiment or tender feeling, would unnecessarily harm it. The same is true of shrubs, plants and flowers. And while they are objects of beauty, and add to our comfort and pleasure, mentally, they are needed also in many ways to supply the necessities of life, and are thus woven into our life and a part of our existence. Is it not so?

I recall a Maple tree that stood upon the mountain side, a mile distant from my old home. Every year, on April 1st, or within a day or two of that time, I used to visit that tree, because it was then always in bloom, and

produced its bright red weeping clusters of bloom in long wreaths. Every year I would sit near this tree, observe its handsome form, its wealth of graceful branches, its profusion of rich bloom, and feel a depth of admiration that could not be expressed in words, as I alternated the view of the tree with the superb valley landscape below, where the cozy dwellings of the farmers were surrounded by verdant fields, with the tree-lined stream winding in and out among them.

Later it was my pleasure to visit a spot not far distant from the Maple, where a dashing

brook made music among the thicket of shrubbery and ferns that lined its banks, and where, in a grassy opening, was a group of our native Crab Apple, which was a glorious mass of the most exquisite and delicious of pink Apple bloom. Near this stream, too, was always to be seen that beautiful native Orchid, *Cypripedium acaule*, with its superb twin-leaves and showy drooping flowers, the bed in which it was found sometimes beautified by a carpet of moss, or perhaps by the lovely Bird's-foot Violet, *Viola pedata*, with its charming blue enhanced by the banner petals of loveliest velvet. In summer and autumn these same haunts were rich in berries and fruits, and at all times in summer was alive with wild birds and animals that sought its seclusion.

Other spots that linger in memory are Columbine Rock, Birds Run, Carrick Valley and



CYPRIPEDIUM ACAULE AND BIRD'S-FOOT VIOLETS.

Cold Spring. These all had charms because of their associations, and I found them a source of much pleasure every time I found it convenient to pay them a visit.

The following beautiful lines, though well-known, will bear repeating here, as they illustrate the almost sacred attachment which is inspired by association and admiration:

Woodman, spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.
'Twas my forefather's hand
That placed it near his cot;
There, woodman, let it stand,
Thy axe shall harm it not.

That old, familiar tree
Whose glory and renown
Are spread o'er land and sea—
And would'st thou hew it down?
Woodman, forbear thy stroke!
Cut not its earth-bound ties;
Oh, spare that aged oak,
Now towering to the skies.

When but an idle boy,
I sought its grateful shade;
In all their gushing joy
Here too my sisters played.
My mother kissed me here,
My father pressed my hand,—
Forgive this foolish tear,
But let that old oak stand.;

My heart-strings round thee cling,
Close as thy bark, old friend;
Here shall the wild bird sing,
And still thy branches bend.
Old tree, the storm still brave!
And, woodman, leave the spot;
While I've a hand to save,
Thy axe shall harm it not.

—George P. Morris, 1830.

The growing season is now opening, and if these notes will induce any of my esteemed readers to get closer to Nature, and through Nature to Nature's God, this letter will not have been written in vain; for, as Shakespear says, there are "tongues in trees, books in running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." Sincerely yours,

La Park, Pa., April 30, 1911. The Editor.

Tuberoses.—Tuberoses grown in a partial shade in five-inch pots during the summer, will bloom in autumn or early winter. Do not bed the bulbs out till the ground is warm. In bedding set them six inches beneath the surface, and in a sunny exposure. Keep the ground moist while budding and blooming, to prevent blasting of the buds.



"White Worms."—The tiny "white worms" that infest soil that is kept too wet, and has become sour, can be eradicated by watering with lime-water somewhat hotter than the hand will bear, applying it until the drainage-water issuing from the hole in the bottom is quite hot. This will sweeten the soil, and promote the healthy growth of the plants, as well as eradicate the pest.

FAVORITE FLOWERS.

A SUBSCRIBER at East St. Louis, Illinois, speaks highly of the hybrids of *Nicotiana Affinis*, also of *Montbretia* and *Amaryl lis atamasco*, (rosea) as follows:

Mr. Editor:—A favorite flower of mine is *Nicotiana Affinis* in its various fine colors. I had all shades from one packet of seeds, and as they sow themselves here, once planted they are with you always, and they bloom all summer. Two other favorites are *Montbretia* and *Atamasco Lilies*, which I plant in the border. All summer long the orange-red spikes of *Montbretia*, also pink flowers of the *Lilies* could be seen. They made a fine display. I winter these in a frost-proof cellar, where they keep well.—Mrs. H. A. S., Illinois.

These flowers all deserve to be generally cultivated. The *Nicotianas* are easily grown



BLOOM OF NICOTIANA AFFINIS.

from seeds, and the others from bulbs. A curious habit of the *Atamasco Lily* is that it always blooms after every rain following a dry period. A group or border of these little bulbs will show some flowers throughout the summer, but always an abundant display after a rain. It might appropriately be termed "Rain Flower."

Clematis.—The hardy *Clematis*, such as *C. Jackmanii*, *Paniculata*, *Montana* and *Virginiana*, may be cut back till within two feet of the ground. New shoots will then issue that will be more vigorous than those of previous growth, and the vines will become a mass of bloom in due time. The pruning should be done before the plants begin renewed growth.

Vigorous Growth.—Mrs. Birdseye, of Woodville, Oregon, writes that she has a *Maple* tree in her yard that last year made a growth of seven feet and three inches, by actual measurement. She asks "Is this not a little out of common?"

CHILDREN'S LETTER



Y DEAR CHILDREN:—Yesterday the landscape was covered with a mantle of snow, pure white and beautiful; and when the sun peeped over the eastern hills it lighted up the earth with a glory that was truly inspiring. The air was still and rather chilling, but a robin sat upon a tree outside my window and greeted the morning sun with his sweetest song, while a pee-wee and chippie and song-sparrow added their notes to the chorus. Truly here was "winter in the lap of spring" and the cheer of the birds seemed good, as I recalled the fact that many, so many of the human family complain and grumble when the weather is cold and conditions disappointing.

But this morning, (April 24th), when the robin sang and all the little birds joined in the great bird-anthem, I found the sky clear, the air warm and moist, the lawn a rich green, and Forsythia shrubs swinging their wealth of golden bells in the gentle breeze. The



ROBIN.

big leaning Maple by the water's edge was red with bloom, adding much to the glowing landscape. And as the sun illumined and warmed the atmosphere, the hives of bees told me that already the sweets of spring were being gathered and stored. Over on the hillside of the garden, rows of single and double Daffodils swung their golden trumpets and perfumed the air, while a little squirrel chattered in the grove of Locust trees by the Lily pond. All Nature seemed to rejoice in the return of warm spring weather and the promise of verdure and bloom and beauty.

As I meandered along the foot-path by the water, lined with shrubbery and plants, I felt light-hearted and happy, for it seemed that every tree and shrub and flower and bird and squirrel showed the handiwork of God, and gave or inspired a song of gratitude for His wisdom and goodness. I passed along until I came to the twin trees of Viburnum prunifolia, where I stopped to admire the gracefully twisted branches and the abundance of swelling bud-clusters, when I chanced to look down—and what do you suppose I saw in the path? Well, I dislike to tell you, for my joy was turned in an instant to sadness and sorrow. There were the tail-feathers and part of a wing of a dear little pee-wee, and there,

near-by, were the tracks of the bird-enemy, the sly, treacherous, bird-cat. I made a high, close, wire fence around my grounds in an attempt to keep out cats and dogs, but people will persist in turning out their cats at night, instead of putting them in the cellar or enclosing them in the barn, and through the garden and grove and among the lawn shrubbery they roam throughout the evening and early morning, and many a joyous little bird is secretly taken while singing its late or early mating song. Had the cat been provided with a neck-collar and bell to warn the songster of her approach, the bird might have saved itself. But alas, how few care for bird-life. This little bird had a nest in the rocks



CAT IN EARLY MORN.

near the steps (see engraving, page 45, March number) last year, and came back to its home this spring, only to fall a prey to its mortal enemy, the cat, while singing in the early spring morning. Do you wonder that I felt a touch of sadness? I had often listened to and admired the pretty songster as I passed along the foot-path last summer, and I rejoiced to hear it again this season. Often did it sing in the trees by the steps near its home, while its little mate sat upon the nest or cared for the little ones. Both seemed so happy and joyous all the season. But now the guardian was treacherously taken, and the little mate was left to endure the burdens and trials of bird-life alone. When, oh when, will people be enlightened sufficiently to require those who keep cats to house them at night, and not allow them to roam over their neighbor's grounds to work mischief and scatter disease.

But I want to tell you of something else: every little boy and girl is interested in frogs. Now, two years ago I brought five little "Peep Frogs" from my old home in Franklin County, this State, together with three larger Trilling Frogs, some young Bull Frogs and an old one. I also brought a pair of Terrapins. These were all turned loose in the pond by the steps near where the Pee-wee had its nest. For some reason there were no singing frogs in this locality, and as these curious songsters were numerous at my boyhood home I greatly missed



them here. You can readily believe that it was a pleasure to hear the frog concert given by those seven little "Peepers" for many nights after they were liberated in their new home. They all had a different pitch of voice, and it seemed as though each one tried to sing the loudest and the longest. Every night the

rocky precipice re-echoed with the frog melody, and was a source of wonder to the neighbors to whom they were a novelty. Later they strayed away, and were heard in other places. Last year I listened for them as the spring opened, but only two or three were heard, and these scattered so that it could not be called a concert. This indicated, however, that there were some still living. But you can imagine my delight this spring, when, early in April the loud call of a "Peep" frog was heard in the meadow by the river, and later others came, until their concert made the big, over-hanging forest trees resound.

The Trilling frogs, too, found their new home congenial, and have increased, so that they add their low, trilling music to the little "pipers," thus giving us a veritable Frog Bag-pipe effect.

And now, you may be interested in learning what became of the big Bull-frog. Well, like Mr. Finney's Turnip, "He grew, and he grew,



and he ne'er did any harm." He became very tame as well as large, and was a general curiosity to those who visited the grounds. At night, during summer, his sonorous voice made the pond resound with "Bloody-mee-nown, Bloody-mee-nown," repeated until the midnight hour. In daytime his children sat around upon the leaves of the Water Lilies with their bright, shining, green jackets on, and called to one another over the big, open, fragrant Lily flowers "Come, Come, My Dear, My Dear," and "I'll come, I'll come, My Dear, My Dear," and thus the summer days passed. But one day, late in summer, a boy—was he not a bad boy? went into the garden, and seeing the big tame frog he killed it with a stone and threw it under the arch of a little bridge, where I found it in the evening. I trust none of my dear little readers would do such a mean, wicked deed, as to take the life of so innocent and useful a creature as a frog, which is one of our best insect destroyers.

The Terrapins have since been found on various parts of the farm, but I will tell you about them in a subsequent letter.

Your Friend,

LaPark, Pa., April 24, 1911. The Editor.

DAFFODIL AND NARCISSUS.

THE SINGLE yellow Trumpet Daffodil is *Narcissus Van Sien*; the early yellow Daffodil, common in old gardens, is *Narcissus Van Sion* fl. pl., the sulphur and golden variegated Daffodil known as Butter and Eggs is *Narcissus Orange Phoenix*; the cream-colored is *Sulphur Phoenix*. The small single white with gold and red cup is *Narcissus Peticus*, this is rarely called a Daffodil. There is a double form of this called *Alba plena odoratus*. The pure yellow, small, single and very fragrant *Narcissus* is known as *Narcissus jonquille* or *Jonquil*. Of these there is a double variety. Daffodil is simply a common name for the large Trumpet *Narcissus*. All Daffodils are *Narcissus*, but all *Narcissus* are not known as Daffodils. All are properly called *Narcissus*, as they all belong to that genus, though to different species of that genus.



DOUBLE NARCISSUS.

Plants for Shade. — For the north

side of a close fence or building, where there is dense shade, Plant Lily of the Valley, Indian Strawberry, English Ivy, Hardy Myrtle, Kenilworth Ivy and *Adlumia cirrhosa*. These are all hardy. Of suitable tender plants are *Caladium esculentum*, *Begonia*, Parlor Ivy, Calla Lily, *Impatiens Sultani* and others.



KENILWORTH IVY.

Crinum Ornatum.—This *Crinum* likes plenty of heat when growing, and also an abundance of water. See that drainage is good, so the soil will keep fresh. Use a compost of fibrous loam, leaf mould, well-rotted manure and coarse sand. After growth is completed dry off the plants completely and give them a long season of rest in a frost-proof room during winter. The plants are propagated from offsets.

Fuchsia Seeds.—In sowing *Fuchsia* seeds it should be borne in mind that they will often lie dormant in the soil for six months or more before germinating. Do not condemn the seeds, therefore, until you have given them sufficient time to start.

THE FLOWING WATERS.

As I stand by the quiet river,
In the early morning hour,
And gaze on the placid water,
A soothing, magic power—

A something grave and silent,
Takes possession of my soul,
And I bow my head in meekness
As the waters past me roll.

Valentine, Nebr.

Mary Babb.

THREE CALIFORNIA WILDLINGS.

THREE WILDLINGS that are wondrously beautiful and easily transplanted or grown from seeds are the big Paper-white Thistle, the Mexican Saucer Primrose, and the giant Silver-leaved Lupin.

The Thistles are just as perfect as if modeled from glistening white crepe paper with a drop of gold for a heart.

The Primrose and the Silver Lupin are both perennials. The Saucer Primrose does not stalk up like some other varieties. A few slender stems

well clothed with whitish green, lanceolate leaves, are terminated by tightly-rolled buds of white, delicately touched with clear peach pink. When they expand they are saucer-size and shape, pure waxy white with a fragrance like new honey, and if cared for will bloom for several months.

The Silver-leaved Lupins are beautiful when not in flower, on account of the delicate coloring of the beautiful leaves, so unlike any other Lupin. They throw up many tall flower-stalks, from two to three feet high, and no Sweet Peas ever surpass



GENOTHERA.

them for size or delicacy of coloring. The general color is lavender, but the petals are delicately feathered with white and violet. A shallow box and a great spoon are all that are necessary to successfully transplant these beauties. They are all particularly desirable



ARGEMONE.

on account of their lasting quality as cut flowers. A bowl of the Primroses seen for the first time is a sight never forgotten.

The secret of transplanting all wild flowers is never to expose the roots to the air for an instant. If a little ball of earth is taken up with each plant, one need not lose any. We gather seeds in the fall, plant in shallow boxes, and transplant when two inches high.

Banning, Cal.

Mrs. Estelle Meissen.

Note.—The Paper-white Thistle referred to is probably *Argemone grandiflora*; the Primrose may be *Genothera eximia*, sometimes known as *O. cæspitosa*, also *O. marginata*. It is a very variable species. The Lupin is, perhaps, *Lupinus nanus*, one of the most handsome of the genus, growing a foot high, and coming up in California from self-sown seeds, the plants enduring the mild winter there, and blooming the following season. In a colder climate it is treated as a true annual, which it really is.—Ed.

Acanthus.—The Acanthus or Bear's Breath, as it is more generally called, is a hardy perennial of great beauty. Having broad and stately leaves, it makes a most excellent and showy decorative plant. It is claimed that the artistic and beautiful unique Corinthian columns were suggested by the beautiful leaves of this plant. It is so familiarly called Bear's Breath on account of its great and enduring hardihood. It is a fine addition to every plant collection, possessing many admirable points. Ella M. Ahlers.

Henderson Co., Ill.

Note.—At the Kew Gardens, London, I saw a big bed of *Acanthus latifolius* in full bloom. The foliage was a mass of pleasing green, from which the big erect flower stems rose to the height of three or four feet, displaying the odd, showy flowers. The bed was strikingly attractive, and it seems strange that the plants which are easily grown, are rarely seen outside of a public garden.—Ed.

Gourds.—I am pleased to find Gourds so useful as vines. They are splendid to cover fences and the hen-house front. The Sugar-trough makes a lovely work-box, cut and covered with velvet, and bands of ribbon. The short neck ones are just the things to tuck down in the flower beds. Also in large pots the water goes right down to the roots of the plants. They also make pots for seedlings and cuttings. By all means try a few this year. Mrs. R. T.

Angelina Co., Tex., Mar. 1911.

[Note.—Gourds do well at the South, and equally well North, if not planted too early. North of Washington avoid out-door planting until the weather becomes warm. There is nothing gained by early out-door planting.—Ed.]



LUPIN.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS.

THOSE WHO BEHOLD these plants in blossom the first time, always marvel at them. I had read much about the beauty and wonderful size of the blossoms, which were described as being as large as a silver dollar, and I must confess I was somewhat sceptical, until I had some blooming plants, myself, last summer. And now I can only say that all the descriptions I have read do not come up to the wonderful beauty of the plants. A silver dollar would not cover the blossoms that opened in wax-like beauty on these plants. One was a lovely shade of lemon yellow, a color I had never seen before in a Begonia; another was salmon pink, another a rich carmine of a texture like velvet; another was the color of a Jacqueminot Rose, and

earthen flower pots. I think the tin retains too much moisture. The moisture in the earthen pots evaporates quickly, thus leaving the soil dryer, and therefore more suited to these plants.

I have never seen a specimen of the double Tuberous Begonia in flower but should imagine them to be rivals of the finest Roses.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lillie Ripley.

Yellow Crocus.—Last fall I procured one Crocus bulb, (Large Yellow), and this spring, on March 27th, a large yellow flower opened its starry eye. Since then it has had five large yellow blooms. I did not know Crocuses bloomed so; I supposed they produced but one bloom to a bulb. I shall get one hundred this fall, and more each year. In the City Park are purple ones, all so large. Well,



PLANT OF SINGLE TUBEROUS BEGONIA IN BLOOM.

about as large; another was a rich orange color, and another snow white and like wax. The foliage is handsome, the leaves being large and glossy and of very pleasing form. The plants should be securely staked as soon as they attain some size, as they break off easily at the bulb.

The cultural directions should be followed as accurately as possible, in order to secure the best results. They should be thoroughly watered only when very dry, as over-watering causes the buds to drop. They should be placed where they may receive the direct sun only part of the day.

I find they do not do as well in tin as in

I can wait until this fall, but no longer. Our lawn will be in perfect shape, and so I shall plant them all in time. Helen Pierce.

Albion, Mich., April 12, 1911.

Dolichos.—Dolichos Lablab is a very rapid growing vine, and fine for arbors, trellises and buildings. In late summer the vines are covered with racemes of lovely flowers, followed by masses of Hyacinth-colored bean-pods. Several plants by the kitchen window ran up to the second story. Stronghurst, Ill. Lena C. Ahlers.



DOLICHOS BLOOM.

FLOWERS AND FLOWER NAMES.

SOMEONE HAS SAID, "I have never met a fool, hypochondriac, nor an evil person who loved a garden." All three of them may love the rare perfume of a Rose, or the glorious coloring of the Orchid, but I believe it takes a gentle, refined and determined nature to be a successful flower grower. I have also heard it said that "They who have an inborn love for floriculture can be judged as having a sane mind in a healthy body." There is a subtle lesson in the old Greek fable of Antæus, who could not overpower Hercules, so long as he could regain his strength by touching his Mother "Earth." After Winter has cast her cold grey clouds aside, disrobed her sombre mantle and burst into the glow of youth, Spring enters with her dainty gowns of green, white and pink; then it is that the spirit of desire to dig in the soil overcomes one, which seems to give new life as soon as this desire is granted.

Who does not love the fair Narcissus in its stately beauty. In Greek Mythology we find



POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS.

Narcissus as a beautiful youth, son of Cephisus and the nymph Liriope, metamorphosed into a flower. For his insensibility to fall in love, he was caused by Nemesis to fall in love with his own image reflected in the water. Unable to grasp this shadow, he pined away, and became the flower which bears his name, and was found growing beside a mirror-like spring, still gazing at his reflection on the water.

It might be interesting to know how a few of the other flowers received their names. Many of them were named after persons. For instance, the Fuchsia was so called because discovered by Leonard Fuchs; the Dahlia was named for Andre Dahl, who brought a plant from Peru; the Camelia Japonica was so called from a missionary named Kamel, who brought some fine specimens of the flower to France from Japan. He called it the Rose of

Japan, but his friends changed it to Camelia. The Magnolia was named in honor of Prof. Magnol de Montpelier, who first brought the beautiful tree to France from America and Asia. Anemones (Windflowers), were so called because they trembled with the wind. There are about seventy species of this flower indigenous in the cool climates of the northern hemisphere. Of these we find sixteen varieties in North America. The Latin word for wash is "lavare," and Lavender received its name because the Romans put the flowers into the water when they washed to perfume their hands. We find in Greek Mythology many beautiful myths concerning the origin of flowers, such as the Rose, the Sunflower, and others.

John Proctor Mills.

Montgomery, Ala., April 12, 1911.

Note.—When a little boy I was a subscriber to and a constant reader of Park's Floral Magazine, and that was at least 18 years ago, so I write as one of the older subscribers. Our city has a "Flower Growers Association," composed of ladies who take great civic pride in beautifying the Capitol City of Alabama. At regular intervals, usually the first day of the month, these ladies meet and discuss the planting of flowers and seeds, varieties, methods of propagation, etc. Sometimes men are invited to give their views, and the above is the substance of my remarks recently.—J. P. M.

Schoolroom Plants.—I have other plants in my schoolroom that are just as fine and desirable as the Rose, of which I have written in another column. One window is almost covered with a network of Parlor Ivy. My Geraniums are full of buds and blossoms; but even if they were not, the leaves are beautiful enough to pay for all the trouble they have been. One pink and white Geranium has an enormous cluster of flowers, and from that cluster have pushed out five other flower stems. They have about six buds and blossoms each. I think there are more such stems to come out. Not one-third of the buds of the main cluster have opened yet. The flowers are out of all proportion to the size of the plant.

Bucks Co., Pa.

Lillian M. Bullock.

Lathyrus.—Several years ago I purchased a packet of Lathyrus, commonly known as Perennial Pea. Such beautiful clusters of flowers were indeed a marvel, and greatly admired. The third year the vines ran over six feet high. When once started they become more beautiful each year. Their season of bloom extends throughout the entire summer.



Lena C. Ahlers.

Stronghurst, Ill.

Gladiolus and Gourds.—I stuck short-neck Gourds around in the late Gladiolus beds, and filled them with water once a week. The Gladiolus grew fast and bloomed as well as the early ones. Some flower spikes were two feet long and bloomed to the tip perfectly. They were extra fine. The bulbs were planted ten inches deep. Almost every one thought they were fine Lilies.

Angelina Co., Tex.,

Mrs. R. T.

SPRING.

The Lilacs are in blossom,
The Plum trees dressed in white,
Proclaim that Spring is here,
With courage borne of might.

In valley, copse and thicket
The leaves are starting fast;
The birds are gaily singing,
The chipmunk is out at last.

Out in their fields a planting
Their wheat, corn, oats and rye,
Are people daily striving
For harvest by and by.

The Apples, Pears and Peaches
Are dressed pink, white and red;
And soon o'er hill and valley,
Their fragrance will be shed.

Wabash, Ind., Apr. 22, 1911. Newton W. Hart.

AIGBERTH AMARYLLIS.

MR. EDITOR:—

I WISH ALL of your subscribers, as well as yourself, could see the magnificent scarlet Amaryllis that stands on my desk as I write. It is the most handsome one I ever saw. I bought the bulb not quite two years ago, and this is the second time it has bloomed. The individual flowers measure seven and three-quarter inches in diameter, and are three in number. Now this is not an exaggerated story, is it? You know all about it. And I have several more of the same variety (Aigberth), that I am expecting something grand from, a little later on. I don't know why it is that so few people cultivate this magnificent class of bulbs. I scarcely ever see them in a collection of plants. I could write of them for an hour, with all due praise.

Mrs. W. W. Bradley.

Southington, Conn., Jan. 21st.

Vinca Variegata.—If you want something fine for hanging baskets, get a Vinca Variegata. They have a blue flower, but I think they do not blossom very freely. However, the vine is just lovely, as is also Barnard's Lobelia. I am partial to hanging baskets, and am planning some fine ones for this summer.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Lewistown, Maine, Apr. 5, 1911.

Lily of the Valley.—This is one of the sweetest, most delicate, and most graceful of modest flowers. Outdoors it is a hardy perennial, growing well in shady places. Plant the pips about six inches apart. It also is admirably adapted for indoor culture, as borders to hardy plants.

L. C. A.

IRIS.

IRIS FLOWERS do not remain open long, but opening as they do, in succession, the display is kept up for some time. Although they are unsatisfactory as cut flowers, they are royally lovely in the garden. The Japanese Iris, with its beautiful, wavy, white blossoms edged in blue, is one of the loveliest, and opens later than the others. The Spanish Iris are also very lovely, with their indescribable blendings and pencillings, which reminds one of Orchids. But the old-fashioned German Iris can always be depended on for a fine display of flowers, which is not always true of the



IRIS.

others, and are equally as lovely, and, open much earlier. They should be lifted and divided when the clumps become dense, as they do not do well when they are crowded. The colors are beautiful, too, ivory white, blue and white, royal purple, lemon yellow, and yellow and brown. I think the shades of yellow are especially pretty, and one does not meet with them as often as shades of blue and white and purple. They may be planted either in the spring or fall, and when once planted they are there for a life-time, and require but little care. They are beautiful planted among shrubbery, and should be always included in every hardy garden.

Erie Co., Pa.

Lily Ripley.

Schizanthus.—I wonder in how many flower gardens the beautiful Schizanthus or Butterfly Flower is found? Not very many know of its wonderful beauty. The foliage



SCHIZANTHUS.

is finely cut and very attractive. The flowers resembling butterflies, hence its name, are of rich and varied colors, completely covering the plant. It is often called "The Poor Man's Orchid" on account of a fancied resemblance it bears to an Orchid. In the spring sow seeds outside for summer blooming, and start plants in mid-summer in pots for the winter. You will find it one of the most satisfactory plants in your garden.

Claus K. Ahlers.

Stronghurst, Ill., Mar. 20, 1911.

COCKADE AND GRAPE HYACINTH.

IF YOU WANT a curious plant in your bulb garden, plant Cockade Hyacinth, *Muscari monstrosum*. First a queer spike an inch or two in length appears, which rapidly grows to be seven or eight inches long, developing into a beautiful, feathery plume. It lasts for weeks. The plant is perfectly hardy, and one of the first flowers to show its bright, lovely face in the spring. As a pot plant for winter-blooming it is also very fine; being odd as well as pretty, it excites much



COCKADE HYACINTH.

admiration. There is a variety of colors. The bulbs are very cheap, and should be found in all fall bulb collections.

One of the earliest and finest flowers in the bulb kingdom is the Grape Hyacinth, *Muscari botryoides*, dainty and bright, hardy as an oak, increasing rapidly, and becoming more beautiful year after year. If you want a piece of cheery summer sky in mid-winter, plant some in a pot indoors. They never fail to bloom, and when you look at them, you'll forget all the winter gloom. Bright as a little fairy smile, and last a long, long while. They come in several hues, but the sweetest is the blue. Try some the coming autumn. You'll be pleased with the dear little flowers. Lena C. Ahlers.



GRAPE HYACINTH.

Henderson Co., Ill., Mar. 20, 1911.

Holly from Seeds.—Last spring I planted some Holly berries alongside the house. In August I found them coming up, as they had been forgotten and the bed disturbed. I only found two, but they are growing nicely now. Mrs. H. A. Stankey.

East St. Louis, Ill.

SWEET ROCKET.

IF OFTEN WONDER why Sweet Rocket (*Hesperis Matronalis*) is not more common, for it has not a fault that I can discover, and I have had it for the last twenty years. It blooms early, and if the flowers are cut, it will bloom more or less all summer. The clusters are large and very fragrant. It seeds itself, and is very easily eradicated, should one not desire so many plants. It is also easily transplanted, does not winter kill, and in every way is one of our best hardy plants. Try it this coming summer.



SWEET ROCKET.

Adella F. Veazie.

Rockland, Me., Mar. 13, 1911.

Note.—The Perennial Poppy (*Papaver orientale*) blooms at the same time as Sweet Rocket, and if the plants are grouped together they make a glorious bed of flowers and fragrance. Both of these flowers are entirely hardy, and will last for many years when once established. They like a deep, rich soil and sunny situation.—Ed.

An Odd Vine.—"Hanging baskets" are out of fashion in Flower Land, but sometimes there is a space in which nothing else is so attractive. For such a "basket," or for window and piazza boxes that require "drapery," I wish to to recommend a vine whose position is usually a very low one. The common Sweet Potato, buried in the cool, rich soil will give you a very lovely, thick-leaved, drooping vine. It is a rich green, and very graceful, and the means of obtaining are usually at hand.

The Sweet Potato belongs to the Convolvulus, or Morning Glory family, and its inconspicuous flowers are rarely seen, because they close early in the morning. Even in the south, where miles of Sweet Potato fields spread themselves, many persons affirm that the plants do not bloom.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Mar. 29, 1911.

Clarkia.—A few years ago I had some beautiful plants of Clarkia growing in a window box out of doors. It was late before I got them started, but how they grew! They were just lovely until late in the fall. They are seldom seen. Why do not more grow them? They want lots of sunshine, but are as easily grown as a Balsam, which the double flowers resemble.



CLARKIA.

Lewistown, Me. Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

CACTUS CULTURE.

PLANT PHYLLOCACTI and Epiphyllums in a fairly rich soil of well-rotted leaf mold or sod, with just enough sand to make it loose, with the addition of some old, well-rotted manure, taking care to provide drainage. Let the plant stay in as small a pot as possible, keeping it root-bound, and renewing the soil in the Spring by removing an inch or so of top soil, and replacing it with rich bone-dust or rotted manure. This should be done early in the Spring to insure blossoms. During the Winter keep in a shady place, and water very sparingly, just enough to keep from drying out, bringing it to the light in February or March.

As the native haunts of the above Cacti are

COMBINATIONS OF FLOWERS.

I WILL TELL the sisters of a few combinations in flowers that I have found satisfactory. Golden Glow with a few sprays of blue Ageratum, and the green foliage of Cosmos make a lovely combination. Sprays of Sweet Alyssum with Dianthus Pinks are fine. The dark shades of Petunias are prettiest with just sprays of Dusty Miller, as the silvery foliage sets off the rich shades of the Petunias, while Petunias are pretty with Salvia Splendens. Some flowers are pretty just by themselves. Among them are Sweet Peas, Pansies, and Nasturtiums, with just their leaves, and Roses with their own buds and leaves. Iris, Dahlias, Gladiolus, etc., are prettiest by themselves. Do not make the mistake of crowding too many flowers into a



FINE COLLECTION OF CACTUSES.

in the dense woods, where they have shade from the strong rays of the sun, you should see that they are not subjected to too strong a sunlight in the heat of Summer.

The Christmas Cactus (or Epiphyllum) does better grafted on a stout Pereskia stock, making fine plants very quickly, and also gives more blossoms, and better results all around.

There are many other native varieties of Cacti that yield a profusion of blossoms in the Spring, on through to December, giving a succession of blossoms the year around, you might say.

In the most forsaken spots and the most exposed places the Cacti will thrive, if given plenty of gravelly, well-drained soil, and accorded a few moments of time occasionally.

Mrs. S. L. Pattison.

Dona Ana Co., N. Mex., April 8, 1911.

Daisies.—I am delighted with the new African Daisy, *Dimorphotheaca aurantiaca*. It is truly a beauty. The plants combine nicely with Shasta Daisies, and both are easily raised from seeds.

Mrs. H. A. Stankey.

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 26, 1911.

bouquet. Just a few, loosely arranged, have a much more charming appearance.

Lewistown, Me. Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Sansevieria Zealanica.—As a decorative plant I can recommend *Sansevieria Zealanica*. It is very easily grown and handsome, having stiff, sword-like leaves striped with white, often growing from four to six feet long. In May or June it sends up long spikes of soft, plume white flowers, but they are not of much value. It is the beautiful leaves that makes the plant so admirable. For sunless windows and halls it is just the plant. It does not need water for months, and gas does not injure it. The leaves are thick and fleshy. It is grown from roots.



SANSEVIERIA.

Henderson Co., Ill., Mar. 20, 1911.

Lena C. Ahlers.

"UP FROM THE SOIL."

IN PASSING an elegant city home, we saw an extremely handsome plant in front of a deep piazza. It looked like some rare variegated Begonia, but we had never heard of a climbing Begonia, nor one with leaves as large as barrel heads. There were not many of these leaves,—that is, they were not piled together, but were spread out effectively over the invisible wire that held the wonderful vine in place. These leaves were crisp looking, a little fluted at the edges, and spotted and streaked with silver.

Deciding that the owner of such a beautiful plant would understand the curiosity of a flower-lover, a timid ring and modest question brought the pleasant answer. "Rare? why not at all. But beautiful, all the same. Don't you recognize an old plebian acquaint-



DISHCLOTH GOURD.

ance?" Then, smiling at our stupidity, the owner of the glorious vine said: "It is a common Pumpkin vine in a new position." None of its beauty departed, for all we exclaimed in surprise. Drop a Pumpkin seed in the piazza bed, stretch a piece of poultry wire neatly from post to post, and be convinced.

Iredell Co., N.C., Mar. 29, 1911. E.F.W.

Note.—The Dishcloth Gourd, *Luffa acutangula*, is a rapid-growing and beautiful flowering vine, the flowers being a beautiful golden yellow, and appearing as large Morning Glories when viewed from a distance. In the South this and other Gourd vines are at home, and always thrive well, as they like sandy soil and bright, hot sunshine. *Laguaris vulgaris* or Dipper Gourd, in its many varieties are also odd and handsome.—Ed.

Canary Bird Vine.—If you want something lovely and delicate, get a package of Canary Bird Vine, (*Tropæolum peregrinum*). After you have them started, set them out in a warm, sunny spot, and give them something to run on, and you will have a quantity of charming yellow flowers. I suppose I am partial to it, as it has my favorite color in flowers.

Lewiston, Me. Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

**SCHIZANTHUS.**

THE SCHIZANTHUS, or Butterfly flower, is one of the best annuals in cultivation. The seeds germinate quickly and the plants come into bloom a short time after the plants start and continue in unrivaled abundance, the flowers appearing like miniature butterflies. The foliage is feathery and beautiful. All who love flowers should plant this beautiful annual. As a pot plant for in the house, it is admirable, and is always in bloom. It has been called "The poor man's Orchid," and in some measure it deserves the name.



SCHIZANTHUS FLOWERS.

Stronghurst, Ill.

Lena C. Ahler.

Yellow Flowers.—In a Florist's window down town one day I saw for a background several pots of Genista or "Shower of Gold." In front were plants of Dwarf Yellow Primroses, and on each side were plants of Jonquils. All were loaded with the most beautiful yellow blossoms. As yellow is my favorite color in flowers, I was delighted with them. Why do we not have more yellow flowers in our windows. I am sure there are many plants that bear yellow flowers—among them Carnations, Chrysanthemum, Lantanas, Primroses, and Canary Bird Vine, all pretty for the window. Will some sister kindly give a list of more yellow flowers good for the window?

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Lewiston, Maine, April 5, 1911.

Note.—*Oxalis lutea*, single and double, is fine for a pot or basket, and is of easy culture. *Linum trigynum* is also beautiful. Forsythias grown in pots are easily brought into bloom in the window in early spring, and are very attractive, every branch a wreath of golden bells.—Ed

About Flower Beggars.—I have grown flowers since ten years old, and have always been free in giving; but I find people who beg the most and hardest are the ones who love flowers least. They would rather run and gossip than take care of flowers. I recall one woman in particular, who always admired my Johnsonii Lily, I had had it for twenty-five years. She said so much about it that I gave her a bulb that would bloom in the spring. She had it three weeks, and as it did not bloom she threw it away. She told me about it, and I said "why it wasn't time for it to bloom." She said she did not like to wait so long for anything. I said "Where did you throw it, I will take it back." "Oh, the chickens ate it." I don't care for such people.

Primrose.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1911.

GRAFTING CACTUSES.

I KNOW A COLLECTION of Cactuses where many have been successfully grafted, the long, two-inch spines of one species being used to secure the grafts in place when necessary, until they have become established. One called Gooseberry Cactus climbed by aerial roots on the wall to a height of twenty feet. The vine, if I may call it such, is the size of one's finger, and is very succulent, without spines, having thick, smooth, glossy leaves. It is a fine plant for experimenting. There must be twenty or more small branched sorts grafted on this, the Crab Cactus, with inch-joints or sections, being the largest. I do not remember any with spines on.

A strong-growing *Cereus* is the kind most desirable as a pedestal for a grafted specimen. The many branching kinds can be readily inserted in it, and the display is creditable even when there are no flowers. All kinds seem to take kindly to their foster mother. The variety with leaves 12 to 15 inches long by 8 or 10 inches broad may have small kinds inserted all around the margin, as well as on both sides, and all grow well. In fact, I believe most kinds can be successfully grafted.

Mrs. Sarah A. Pleas.

Spiceland, Ind., March 24, 1911.

Parsley.—I find the Moss-curved Parsley a very pretty edging plant for flower beds. Set six inches apart the plants make a dense



MOSS-CURVED PARSLEY.

line of mossy foliage, dwarf, lasting and beautiful. The plants are easily raised from seeds, which germinate in from two to three weeks.

Mrs. J. N. Miller.

Grayson Co., Tex., April 4, 1911.

Cleome Pungens.—This is known as Spider Plant, on account of its curious spider-like flowers. The plants grow five feet high, blooming freely all season. It is especially fine for growing among shrubbery, or for a background. The seeds germinate readily, and the plants are so easily grown that they have become wild in some parts of the United States. Lena C. Ahlers.

Stronghurst, Ill., Mar. 19, 1911.



CLEOME.

HERBS.

HERE IS SOMETHING quaintly attractive about a little Herb garden. A sprig of Lavender or Rosemary adds a touch of poetry and sentiment to a basket of flowers, or a tiny bouquet. All the Herbs are easily grown from seeds, and most of them are perennial. All of them are fragrant, and many are useful. Bunches of dried Herbs hung in closets, or placed in chests keep moths away and prevent the musty or "old clothes" odor that we all dislike.

Lavender and Sweet Basil in the linen chest



PLANT OF LAVENDER.

impart to sheets and pillow cases a delightful fragrance suggestive of sunshine and breezes that come across the clover.

Any little corner will do for the Herbs. They take up only a little room, and they sweeten the air about them and bring memories of sweet old gardens and happy summers of the long ago.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Mar. 29, 1911.

Spring.—When spring rolls 'round once more, and the sun is warm and cheering; when the birds come back again, with their songs and notes endearing; then the earth grows bright, and our hearts grow light, and we revel in earth's beauty; and we thank the Lord for the sweets restored, while we aim to do our duty. So we'll share our joy and flowers with those that are lone and sad, and we'll use the passing hours to make earth's people glad.

Primrose.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1911.

Nolana.—If some sister would like a fine hanging plant, let her try Nolana. It is just lovely for verandas, with its Morning Glory blossoms. Sow where the plants are to remain, as they do not bear transplanting well. Give them an open, sunny place, and they will reward with plenty of blossoms.

Lewiston, Me.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.



NOLANA.

IN FAVOR OF SUNFLOWERS.

I WOULD LIKE to speak a word for the Sunflowers. They may be old-fashioned and common, but are they not pretty? The double Sunflowers are just as pretty as Dahlias, and not nearly so much trouble to raise. But I must tell of one plant that came up in the end of my bean-row early last spring. I felt sure the frost would get that Sunflower, but it did not, for it out-grew any little plant I have ever seen, and did not stop growing until it was nine and a half feet tall, and had sixty-five blossoms on it. It was a wonder to all who saw it. Surely it was a thing of beauty and a joy for a long time. I have never seen another stalk of Sunflower to equal this one. I will plant a long row of them this spring, and I wish others would try them, also.



SUNFLOWER.

Halifax, Va., Feb. 16, 1911. Aunt Ada.

Apple Geranium.—Do the sisters know what a beautiful plant the Apple Geranium is for the window, and how easy it is to grow? It is better to keep the plants in a large pot, else they will bud and blossom too much. As the flowers are very insignificant, it is better to grow them for their leaves, which have the fragrance of ripe apples. Their manner of growth is not unlike the Nutmeg Geranium. They are quite easily grown from seeds. Try them.



APPLE GERANIUM.

Mrs. Mary L. Warren.

Lewiston, Maine, April 5, 1911.

Remedy for Cutworms.—My remedy for cutworms is Kainit, sowed broadcast, about 2000 pounds per acre, applied after the ground is broken up in March or April at the north, and September or October in Florida, the material is harrowed in after it is applied. The Kainit kills the eggs, so there will be no worms. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."



CUTWORM.

Mrs. J. T. Sigmon.

So. Lake Weir, Fla., Mar. 20, 1911.

[Note.—Kainit is an excellent fertilizer, and when applied to land infested with cutworms it will serve a double purpose. It is a crude potash salt mined in Germany, and exported to this country. It contains from 12 to 14 per cent. of actual potash, along with a considerable quantity of common salt, gypsum and magnesia.—Ed.]

AMARANTHUS.

AMONG THE TALLER ANNUALS the Amaranthus is desirable.

With a background of Artemisia annua (Sweet Fern), it shows to advantage its handsome foliage and flowers. In my garden last year were plants six feet tall, with long, fleecy flowers. The kind known as Prince's Feather is especially fine to use with the Fern. The plants prefer sunshine and dry, poor soil, the foliage being more beautiful when grown in poor rather than in rich soil.

Stronghurst, Ill.



AMARANTHUS.

Rose Seeds.—When you find in your Rose garden a ripened "Rose hip," take it off the stem, open it carefully and plant the seeds.



ROSE HIPs.

The result is likely to be a few worthless bushes. But better things may be in store. You like to "try things," and you may originate a new Rose. It is very interesting, and failure, in this instance, is not disappointment. Sometimes a "freak Rose" appears on an otherwise well-behaved plant. If the freak Rose is handsome, cut off the branch that it grows on, just below a leaf, and root it under a glass jar. You may get a new kind of Rose.

E. F. W.

Iredell Co., N. C., Mar. 29, 1911.

Success with Buttercup Oxalis.—Last season my Buttercup Oxalis did not flourish and in the summer, thinking the bulbs were lifeless, I turned the pot of earth into the pail of potting soil. In September they began to push up sprouts in nearly every pot of plants, and grew and blossomed so luxuriantly that my other plants were smothered. At the risk of destroying them I was obliged to transplant them all. I put five of them in an eight-inch pot, and now, about six weeks later, four of them are in blossom, showing eighteen flower-stalks, most of them bearing from five to seven flowers at a time. They require the strong sunshine of a south window, and plenty of root-room.

Lavinia E. Chester.

Suffolk Co., N. Y., Mar. 13, 1911.

AMMONIA FOR FERNS.

LET ME TELL the readers of the Floral Magazine of a few of my Ferns. June 15, 1905, I received a fifteen cent Pierson Fern. I immediately potted it in good garden loam, and it seemed never to know it had been moved at all, for I never saw anything grow like it did. In October it had eight large, beautiful fronds, one of them nearly ten inches broad. Everyone said "What do you do to it to make it grow so fast?" "Nothing," I said "except to water

as at first. It is so large and heavy I am afraid it will fall, as I have it on an iron pedestal six feet high. I cannot near lift it.

This fine Fern has endured three moves, on the train. I will tell how I manage, for the comfort of any who may be so situated. My husband gets a smooth coffee barrel and sets the plant in it, and then smaller plants around, to keep the pot from turning over; then we wind those long fronds around in the top of the barrel, and cover with paper to keep out the hot sunshine. Then it is carried to the car, and it arrives at the new home as perfect as when started. The first thing to



regularly and copiously, and once a week I put two teaspoons of household ammonia into one gallon of water, and give the Fern a generous drink of it." Today that plant by actual measurement is just eight feet high, and five and a half feet wide.

For nearly four years now, it has been in a ten-inch pot, and the same soil, not having given it any new soil. Since last October it has sent out sixty-five new fronds, and many of them are now three feet long and eight inches wide, and still I just give the ammonia

do is to get a good plant and treat it kindly, and you will have success with your Fern. When people tell me they "never can get a Fern to grow," I know at once they do not try to have them do so.

Oh, such beautiful Ferns, of the very tender varieties, as I have grown in wardian cases! Soon their tender green beauty would fill the case. Those of the variegated form, green and white, are beautiful beyond words to tell. All varieties are made and kept healthy by the use of the ammonia, as I have told you.

Mrs. R. H. Love.

Monett, Mo.

A SCHOOL-ROOM ROSE.

I HAVE A "LITTLE DARLING" Rose bush in my school-room, and the name just suits it. Why is there not more said about it? Out of doors it blooms continuously, and is very hardy. Ours kept blooming last summer when the stems were bare, the slugs having eaten every leaf. My plant was started from the stem of a Rose I had in a bouquet with others last June. The stem was about four inches long. By the last of August the

plant was almost a foot high, and had produced five buds and blossoms. I then dug it up, knocking all of the dirt from its roots, and brought it, wrapped with Geranium cuttings, with me when I came back to my school here in September. It was badly wilted when I unwrapped it and potted it. I then set it in an open window in my school-room, and the wind had nearly killed it before I noticed what was taking place. Then I cut it back to a few buds. For weeks it looked like a forlorn hope, but before Christmas it had sent out a little shoot from each of three of those buds. About two months ago a shoot

came up from under the ground. That shoot is now about fifteen inches high, and tipped with five or six flower buds. On April 13th, one flower opened, and three others have opened since. The little plant looks as healthy as anyone could desire. It gets no particular care, but plenty of water. Lillian Bullock. Bucks Co., Pa., April 24, 1911.

Note.—The "Little Darling" Rose does not bear large flowers, but they are double, sweet, freely borne in a sunny window summer or winter. For winter get small plants in spring, pot and shift till autumn, then let them bloom. See engraving.—Ed.



"LITTLE DARLING" ROSE IN BLOOM.

FLOWERS IN FLORIDA.

HERE, IN FLORIDA, we can raise a great variety of flowers. All they need is plenty of water. A neighbor of mine has a beautiful bed of Verbenas in full bloom. Geraniums, Begonias, Petunias, Plumbago, Salvias, Oxalis, Asparagus, Coleus, Alyssum, Roses, Ferns, Chrysanthemums, Pinks, Impatiens, Honeysuckle, Acacias and Caladiums all do well. I have these and dozens of other kinds too numer-

ous to mention, blooming and looking first-class.

Some classes of Roses do well here, but should have some shade or be planted on the north side of the house. Phlox Drummondii grows like weeds, and my yard is full of self-sown Coreopsis. I find the very rotten old oak-wood, when it is like powder, fine for potting Ferns and Begonias, using a good shovelful to each good-sized box. Scores of beautiful climbers do well here. Mrs. E. Francis, Polk Co., Fla., April 8, 1911.

Madeira Vine.—The Madeira Vine is one of the prettiest of vines, and easily grown. Its leaves are heart-shaped,

thick, and a beautiful green. In the late summer months it is profusely covered with small, white flowers that have a mignonette odor. Everyone admires and praises it.

Stronghurst, Ill.

Lena C. Ahlers.

Nasturtiums.—I planted an ounce of Climbing Nasturtiums last year, and reveled in the beautiful flowers throughout the season. They were the largest and loveliest blooms I ever saw, and appeared in a great variety of colors and variegations.

East St. Louis, Ill.

Mrs. H. A. Stankey.

THE BIRDS RETURN.

Dear little songsters, long have we waited,
For your happy return from over the main;
I'll open the window, and listen with pleasure,
To the sweetest of music, your joyous refrain.

Your voice is a tonic, it cheers the down-hearted;
It raises their courage, to battle anew
The world's weary problem, and life's endless duty;
Hearts glow with pleasure while listening to you.

Long has the time seemed, you dear little warblers,
Since the last note of your song died away,
Long has the winter been, dreary and cheerless,
But with hearts overflowing, we greet you today.

I see you're preparing to go to housekeeping,
In the same place as last year, the old walnut tree;
I am glad of your presence, the nearer the better;
I'll feed you with crumbs, as you sing to me.

Sing, birdies sing, while sweet spring-time lingers;
Let each nook resound with your glad roundelay;
Give us all the sweet music your voice can offer,
E'er the chill breath of autumn warns you away.
Buffalo, N. Y. Ellen Kent.

MY PORCH AND YARD FLOWERS.

WE HAVE a purple Wistaria which covers the whole front of an east porch 36 feet long. It has been growing in the same situation for many years, is quite 10 inches in circumference at the base, and endures without injury our coldest winters and hottest, driest summers. It grows rapidly, and being of rather a drooping habit, does not cover and rot the roof. At each corner of this porch stands a beautiful Syringa (Lilac), 12 or 15 feet high, and just in front, at one side of the walk, is a pink La France Rose, six feet tall. All these bloom at the same time, and a more dainty combination of colors could not be imagined.

The yard is 30 feet deep with 140 feet front, sloping gently to the south, the house standing much nearer the north end. This end of the yard is shaded by an Elm standing at the fence midway between the gate and the corner, and as an Elm will drain both fertility and moisture from the soil for 20 feet around it, the roots are cut every Spring to a depth of

18 inches, 4 feet from the trunk. This makes an otherwise barren space, available for Petunias, Portulaca, Salvia, Scabiosa, and other hardy annuals. A stump eight feet high, half way between the Elm and the corner, is covered with a white Rambler Rose. A Coral Honeysuckle stands in the northeast corner, and an ever-blooming white Honeysuckle is in the northwest corner.

A distinctive feature of this end of the yard is a young Pine of the variety native to the South, its cheerful green giving a touch of brightness, winter and summer. Grouped on the north side of the walk, by the gate, is a

red and a white Pæony, and a gigantic Tiger Lily. As the Pæonies cease blooming before the Lily begins there is no lack of harmony in this arrangement. A walk bordered with Iris and Violets extends through the center of the yard, from the north fence to a bed of ever-blooming Roses at the south end.

This end of the yard is shaded by two Black Walnut trees standing 20 feet apart at the fence. These do not exhaust the soil like the Elm, and a long row of Larkspur, white, pink, and purple, grow between the two trees, and bloom in the greatest profusion, while in a bed far enough from the trunks to be only partly shaded, Dahlias, Cannas, and Phlox Drummondii thrive to perfection. A thrifty Forsythia brightens this end of the yard in the early Spring, and near it a Bird of Paradise blooms all Summer.

Near the gate a magnificent Crimson Rambler Rose is wired to a stout post six feet high, and allowed to spread and droop at its own sweet will. Near the Elm, where it gets all the hot afternoon sun, is a long bench with a tub on each end, one of which is filled with an aquatic plant commonly called the Dollar Plant, and the other is filled with the graceful Parrot



PHLOX.

Feather. Filling the space between these is a collection of Cacti, which elicits more admiration than any other one feature of the whole yard.

Pansies grow in beds near the porch. Shirley Poppies grow every year in the highest corner, and passers-by frequently stop to inquire the name of "those brilliant flowers." Other annuals, perennials and bulbs are planted every year, wherever fancy dictates, or where experience has shown that they thrive best.

Sebastian Co., Ark.

Artemisia Annua.—Sweet Fern, known to botanists as *Artemisia Annua*, is a tall annual very desirable for a background or along a fence. I have had specimens of the plant over six feet high. It has beautiful, feathery foliage, sweetly scented, and is admired by all. Once started it is reproduced from self-sown seeds. In the late summer months it is entirely covered with small, green flowers. Like Lavender, it is fine to put between linen and clothing, as it imparts a delicate perfume. It is very easily cultivated, and does not require much care. Stronghurst, Ill. Millie L. Ahler.



ARTEMISIA ANNUA.



PEONIES.

THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM ON THE STAMPS, TRA LA.

Beautiful Bouquets To Be Gathered in the Philatelist's Garden.

SEVERAL weeks ago after I had dug up my garden to find out why the Nasturtiums and Zinnias and the Lettuce and Lima Beans had not sprung up, one of my friends undertook to taunt me on the inferiority of my garden to his. As I knew his lot was very small, and having never heard that floriculture or agriculture were numbered among his accomplishments, I demanded an explanation. He thereupon invited me to turn my attention to his stamp collection and pointed out a most interesting and surprising array of postage stamps that bore pictures of flowers and vegetables from every corner of the globe.

The group of Chinese stamps of 1894 all show flowers. Among them is found the Pæony, emblem of illustriousness; Hydrangea leaves, the flower of which is highly regarded by the Chinese; and the Chinese Immortelle. On these stamps there is also represented the Boletus, a woody fungus akin to the Mushroom, and said to be emblematic of long life. Likewise there is presented in this group an illustration of a dwarf Peach tree.

The stamps of Japan naturally illustrate a number of flowers, notably the Chrysanthemum, the emblem of the emperor and of the empire. On the 30 sen stamp of 1872 the Chrysanthemum as well as the Panlounia, the flower emblem of the empress, is shown.

When a special stamp was printed in 1894 in commemoration of the Mikado's wedding anniversary it was adorned with the Chrysanthemum and with the Cherry blossom and fruit, the Cherry blossom being the national flower of the people, as distinguished from the official flower of the imperial family. While we cultivate the Cherry for its fruit, the Japanese hold it in high regard for its ornamental uses and their cultivation of it has been almost solely confined to a desire for its blossoms. When the crown prince was married in 1900 a special stamp was issued by the Japanese government with a border composed of sprays of Wistaria, the official flower of the Princess Sadoko.

The devotion of the Japs to flowers is evidenced by their adoption for crests and coats-of-arms in preference to the lions, eagles and other subjects, conventionalized or otherwise, for which the people of other lands show a weakness.

Several of the centennial anniversary stamps of New South Wales are decorated with specimens of the flora of that land, one of them—that of 20 shillings denomination—showing the pretty flowers known as "Christmas Bells."

A New Zealand stamp of 1898 is bordered by branches of the Tartarmon, a species of climbing bramble. This is as common in the forests of that country as Poison Ivy is here and the natives give it the name of "the bush lawyer."

All of the stamps of the first issue of Newfoundland in 1857 bore pictures of flowers, the favorite group being the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle, the national emblems respectively of England, Ireland and Scotland, and their use on these stamps was evidently intended as a compliment to the home government.

A similarly designed stamp of Nova Scotia had preceded the Newfoundland issue by several years. This Nova Scotian showed the Rose, Shamrock and Thistle together with the Mayflower, the floral emblem of Nova Scotia.

Obeck, a little French colony on the African shore of the Red Sea, has that old Egyptian ornament, the conventionalized lotus flower in the angles of its triangular stamps. This flower has a prominent part in the Egyptian mythology and was held as sacred. It has also been regarded with reverence by the peoples of some of the heathen lands of Asia.

The familiar Cat-o-nine-tails of the common swamp is pictured on a stamp of Western Australia, while another stamp of that country shows the Hibiscus flowers and branches.

The 1905 stamps of Guadeloupe are bordered with an interesting array of the fruit and vegetable products of that land.

The Sugar Bush, or Cape Honeysuckle, is portrayed on a stamp of the Cape of Good Hope. This possesses not only the properties of beauty and fragrance, but the natives concoct from its juices a sweet liquor which is used for the relief of coughs.

Cacti of various kinds are shown on stamps of the republic of Mexico.

Stamptom revels in products of the soil that yield fruit, and likewise is replete with the loftier growths that are most useful for the ornamental or shade-giving qualities they possess.

The first stamp of Abyssinia shows branches of the Coffee tree and Cotton plant. That country is the motherland of Coffee, from whence it was introduced to other parts of the world, notably to Arabia, where the native designation of the beverage is equivalent to our word "wine."

Pineapples are shown on the stamps of the Bahama Islands.

The Cape of Good Hope on one of its stamps contributes the Grape to the collection of good things eatable.

Wahu, China, has stamps portraying an entire rice field.

An anniversary stamp of Korea shows the Plum. This fruit and its flower more particularly is the emblem of the imperial Korean family, whose name—Yi—means Plum tree.

On a stamp of N. Zealand is shown the N. Zealand Flax plant, which serves a variety of useful purposes. Its seeds may be ground and made into a beverage resembling coffee; the roots are utilized by the natives as a purgative; its gum is employed as a balm, while paper and a strong quality of rope are made of the leaves of the plant.

A fine Orange tree is shown on stamps of the Orange River Colony.

Spears of Wheat, symbolic of the industry of the land, decorate certain stamps of Roumania.

Samoa issued a stamp in 1887 showing a Coconut Palm laden with its fruit.

The Fig tree is shown on a stamp of the Barbadoes. "The tree of life," which has a place in old Norse mythology, is presented on a stamp issued by Sweden.

Bread Fruit is pictured on an issue of Tonga. This stamp was one of the series of 1897, and in the same issue the 1 penny stamp presented an illustration of a tree that has historical interest. Under the wide-spreading branches of this old tree (the age of which is not known) the representatives of the people of Tonga gathered upon the death of their kings and selected their new rulers.

"The Traveler's Tree" occupies a place on a stamp of Madagascar.

There are several specimens of Palms in the postal forest. North Borneo has the Sago Palm; the Congo Free State shows the Oil Palm, and Cuba presents a whole grove of pretty Palm trees.

Stamps of Belgium are decorated with sprays of Laurel and Oak, and several Canadian issues have Maple leaves arranged in their corners.

The stamps of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition issue of the United States had in their borders fine-looking ears of Corn and spears of Wheat.

Oak and Laurel leaves formed a part of the ornamentation of some of the stamps of the issue of 1902-3.

Cacti and Palms were shown on the 1c stamp of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition issue.

The Jamestown stamps portray stalks of Corn and Tobacco.

The lover of flowers, the gardener, the student of nature, the botanist may find much to interest in the postage stamp world. I am told there is a lady in this city who is devoted to flowers but whose limited apartments do not permit her to indulge in the cultivation of her favorites. To satisfy her devotion she has made a specialty of gathering these stamps that picture flowers and fruits. These she has arranged in a little book which she calls her "rainy day garden," and from which she derives a great deal of entertainment and satisfaction. The idea is a good one, and with the diversity of specimens obtainable it would appear reasonable to suppose that these little "gardens" may become quite the fad.

West Arlington, Md.

Dwight Burroughs.

FLORAL POETRY.

ROSES.

Roses, sweet Roses, by the old stone wall,
What is your mission here?
To cheer some lonely heart that aches?
To bring earth's sunshine near?

To help along some saddened soul,
Sick of this weary life?
To brighten the hopes and bring sweet rest
'Midst the trials of worldly strife?



Ah, yes, you are all and more to us,
In sorrow or fondest joy;
Through summer your beauty and fragrance
come,
Bringing us pleasure without alloy.
McDowell, Mo., Mar. 6, 1911. Mary B. Burch.

TO THE BLUE-EYED GRASS.

Delicate flower of the meadow,
Your fragile petals unfold,
Woven of silken tissues,
In royal purple and gold.
Sway 'neath the touch of a zephyr,
On your slender fairy-like stem;
Lift your sweet eyes to heaven,
You gold and amethyst gem.
Fit for a fairy queen's palace,
If only you blossomed at night!
For Queen Mab's carnival closes
With the dawning of golden light.
And you—you follow the sun-god,
In his journey across the sky,
And go to sleep at his setting,
To wake when he comes by and by.

So. Royalton, Vt.

Eloise Case.

SPRING IS HERE.

Hear the Robin's caroling,
And the Sparrows chirruping,
Spring is here, Spring is here.

Hear the snowdrops whispering,
While the Violet's glistening,
Spring is here, Spring is here.

Hear the Daisies singing,
And the Lilies echoing,
Spring is here, Spring is here.

Flower Cottage, Ill., Mar. 20, 1911. L. C. Ahlers.

SPRING RAINS.

The clouds are lowering dark and drear
O'er all the country wide,
While swiftly falls the drenching rain
Around on every side.

The stately monarchs of the wood
Bow low before the gale,
While hushed is every song of bird,
Naught save the wild wind's wail.

The meadow brook, which yesterday
Was but a tiny rill,
Is now a swollen, rushing stream
And growing larger still.

And now the fog comes rolling down
A curtain over all,
But still the leaden drops of rain
Pursue their downward fall.

"How dark looks everything today!"
We mortals do complain:
And yet how thankful we should be
For the refreshing rain.

The clouds at length begin to break
The rain ceases in its fall
The sun peeps through with smiling 'ac-
And throws his rays on all.

And Oh! how beautiful is all
The face of nature now;
The meadow with its carpet green—
The birds on every bough.

Ah! thankless mortals that we are!
Why do we thus complain?
When we behold the joy it gives
To all—this falling rain.

Mrs. Wallace L. Avery
Monticello, N. Y. March 13, 1911

AMERICAN BEAUTY.

The South wind blew warm
To the Northland so free
The rose scented wind
From our bright summer sea

The fragrance of pines
And orange sweet grove
Was borne on the breeze
With an odor of love

I said "Stay, O South Wind
And woo her with love."
On couch of sweet Roses
Your truth you may prove.

This Rose is our emblem—
Let it bloom then for me,
La Belle of all Roses,
Our American Beauty.

Cocoanut Grove, Florida.

"La France."

IN MAY.

Pleasant little rivers
Sing through meadow leas
Where the big grass quivers.
'Neath the hanging trees.

Where the zephyrs wander,
Where the Ivy clings,
Where the red squirrels maunder,
And the Robin sings.

Oh, there let us tarry,
As we homeward stray,
Nothing is too merry,
For our hearts to-day.

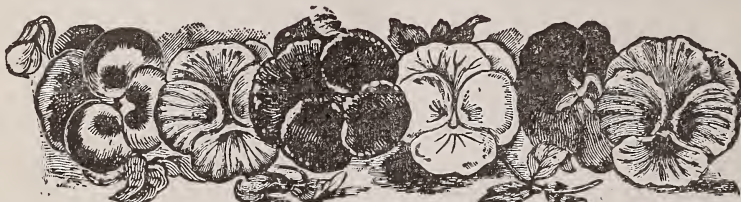
Brockton, Mass.

Linden.

HEART'S-EASE.

A score of upturned faces
In a little shaded bed,
A dainty, childish figure;
A curly, golden head;
Shades of the Fanny-purple,
In the azure eyes so bright;
A peal of roughish laughter;
A foot-step soft and light.

Telling them in baby jargon,
All his little cares and joys,
Whispering to them the secrets
Other children tell their toys.
But another, sadder picture,
Memory holds before me now;
For I see him cold and silent,
With his favorites on his brow.



How oft I've watched the picture,
In the glorious summer hours,
As he flitted, like a sunbeam,
In and out among my flowers;
Lingering long beside the Fannies,
In their little shaded bed,
Kissing here a velvet petal;
Lifting there a drooping head.

Oh little purple treasures,
You must prove "hearts-ease" to me;
In each little upturned petal,
I must read your sympathy.
When my flowers bloomed the fairest—
Then my darling went away,
To revel 'mongst the blossoms,
In that land of endless day.

Sonoma Co., Cal.

Alice McKinsey.

THE SOLDIER'S LETTER.

The Locust trees were flinging far
Their packs of sweet sachet,
As lingered neath their fragrant boughs
A maiden by the way.
And high above an oriole swung,
Then dived the leaves among,
"If, there s the great if!" seemed to be
The version of his song.

With clatter of his horse's hoofs
A postman drew his rein,
And flung a letter at her feet
And hasted on again.
A letter from a soldier boy
On Island of Samar,
Where ambushed foe and Uncle Sam
Were playing tag, like war.

The letter told about the fray
In young bravado style.
She read the import 'tween the lines,
Her face had lost its smile—
"In ambush they are killing us"—
Her heart went pit-a-pat—
"Like songbirds oft are hunted,
For the wearing on the hat."

She glanced down at her sailor,
Lying there at her feet,
With plumage of the songbird, killed
To make Fashion more complete.
And heart-throbs told the story,
Of a feeling for the bird,
Whose plaintive notes above her there
In wonder she had heard.

ENVOY.

Oh the Right may court forever,
Dame Fashion's heart of stone,
But Love will lend a willing ear
When the victims are her own.

Detroit, Mich.

U. R. Perrine.

OUT IN THE CLOVER.

On, rich is the gold, of which we are told,
As we journey the wide world over,
But naught can compare with the happiness rare,
The breath of freedom and summer air;
For Nature in glory reigneth there,
Out in the red, red Clover.

Valley Junction, Wis. Nellie Fiske Hackett.

A MOONLIT EVENING.

We stood on the pier that evening
Alone, in the twilight glow,
And watched the moonbeams dancing
On the rippling waves below.
As we stood there, mutely gazing
Afar o'er the billowy deep,
Our thoughts flitted o'er the golden way,
Where the moonbeams were rocked to sleep.

That pathway led to the far Unknown,
Like a ripple began on the sea;
It broadened, it widened, then fainter grew,
Till it disappeared in the lee.



You noticed the darkness that cut between
The path of the moonlit glow:
We wondered the cause, till we saw in the light
The path of a steamer's bow

And thus it is with a good deed begun;
Tho' small in its beginning,
It widens, it broadens, then stronger grows,
Till lost in time's own dimming.
And tho' the world may cut across its path
In cruel desperation;
The Good it does and the Blessings it bears
Is two-fold compensation.

Beverly, Cal.

Chas. W. Peters.

Note.—These verses were inspired by a lovely moonlight night in California. I regret that they inadequately express the beauty of the scene, and the touching sentiment conveyed.—C. W. P.

THREE-FOLD GRACE.

A lover, Spring, comes smiling on the way,
Strong with the strength of March, the tenderness
Of April, and the joy of budding May,
 wooing the Lilies in their slenderness.

Atco, N. J.

Cora S. Day.

FLOWERS.

They clothe our hills and valleys,
 These children of God's care,
 Some in the gayest vestures,
 Some simply clad, but fair;
 Some lowly drooping earthward,
 Some lifted to blue skies,
 All bearing surest witness
 Of heavenly mysteries.

Types of the smiles of angels,
 Bending to earth below,
 The lovely blossoms whisper
 Heaven's message as they grow.
 They tell in tones unending
 The Master's tender love,
 In glowing tints, rare fragrance,
 His constant care they prove.

Starred with their radiant colors
 Earth's fields and forests seem
 More beautiful and glowing
 Than if bedecked with gems;
 For angel voices linger
 In petal, bud and bell,
 And speak to us in language
 We understand so well.

When shades of sorrow darken
 Life's once unclouded sky,
 These messengers unfailing
 Bring comfort from on high.
 They deck our lifeless dear ones
 With bloom and fragrance rare,
 And though they fade and perish
 Their perfume lingers there.

Their frail forms mingle ever
 With the beloved clay;
 They crown the happy bridal,
 They cheer the gloomy way.
 And when we cross the river
 Perchance our spirits pure
 Will bear unfading flowers,
 Plucked from the heavenly shore.

Lisette Clayton Hood.

Charlotte, N. C., March 12, 1911.

SWEET BRIAR.

She is a fairy princess
 That grew by the dusty way,
 Kissed by the sun and the zephyrs,
 And the birds of the month of May.

Then came a careless stroller,
 With an idle hour to spend,
 Who knelt and pulled and grappled
 At the branches quick to bend.

"Oh!" said the little zephyr.
 "Ah me!" the sunbeam sighed.
 And the birds chirped ever so sadly,
 While the dainty princess cried.

The careless love of a moment,
 Pressed with a fervent art,
 Shattering fell the petals,
 For at last he had broken her heart.
 Roanoke, Va., June 30, 1910. Grace Gish.

THE PROMISE OF MAY.

Oh! I will bring the Gill o'-ground,
 And stay not for the Rue,
 With Periwinkle shining round
 Its bonny eyes of blue.

I'll spill the Cowslip's urn of gold,
 The yellow Buttercup;
 And who would have of wealth to hold
 Will need but lift it up.

Cora A. Matson Doison.

THE LILY OF THE VALLEY.

Oh! lovely bloom,
 Thy sweet perfume,
 Pervades throughout my little room.
 Thy bell-like shape
 My heart doth make
 More cheerful, buoyant, lightens gloom.

Thy color white
 Doth in the night,
 As angels' faces, pure and bright,
 Steals over me,
 Like charity,
 As still, as holy, calm and light.



Mid leaves of green,
 When thou art seen,
 And early dewdrop, there has been,
 Thy sweet incense,
 Thy innocence,
 Make thee of floral realm a queen.

Oh! may I be
 As pure as thee,
 When I behold eternity.
 No price I bring
 Unto the King,
 But Lily-like from spot be free.
 Westchester Co., N. Y. Frederick R. Meres.

BIRTH OF THE SPRING FLOWERS.

November blew his frosty breath,
 And felled them in their sleep.
 December built a monument,
 And reared it white and steep.

Cold January passed along,
 Into the still tomb peeping.
 He said unto my aching heart,
 "They are not dead—but sleeping."

Chill March sent out a flag of truce,
 A little snow-white thing;
 That raised its head mid frost and snow,
 First harbinger of Spring.

Coy April smiled, and lo—behold!
 A sweet blue flower appeared,
 And then she wept with very joy,
 While thousands more were reared,

Sweet May came dancing o'er the land.
 She waved her magic wand,
 And all the flowers of every clime
 Came hastening to respond.

Buffalo, N. Y., Mar. 27, 1911. Sarah F. Ward.

SUMMER MORNING IN ALABAMA.

Come, baby mine, and let's away
To spend an hour with nature,
Where beauty reigns and joy is rife
With every living creature.

Of all the hours of the day
The morning dawn is sweetest,
When earth seems wakening into life,
And Time's wings seem the fleetest.

Here on this gray-mossed rock we'll sit,
And view the panorama,
That surely cannot be excelled
Outside of Alabama.

Could sordid wealth tempt us to leave
The glorious feast before us?
The birds, the bees, the flowers, the trees,
And blue sky bending o'er us?

While wealth is good if rightly used,
Yet therein lies temptation,
And I fear me much 'tis yet to prove
The downfall of our nation.

But let's forget the cares of life,
And what the nation's doing,
And watch the bees and butterflies
Their busy ways pursuing.

Away to the east the blue hills lie,
Their ragged crests uplifting,
To meet the rim of the morning sky
Where rainbow tints are shifting.

While nearer us the winding brook
Is singing its way to the sea,
O'er its rocky bed, 'tween mossy banks,
In murmuring melody.

A thousand perfumes in the air
Are stirred by every breeze,
The flowers are blooming everywhere,
The birds sing in the trees.

The dewdrops sparkle as the sun
Swings o'er the misty hills,
All sounds blend sweet in unison;
The earth with gladness thrills.

So, let's thank God, sweet baby mine,
For all the wealth before us,
For birds, for bees, for flowers, for trees,
And blue sky bending o'er us.

Mrs. Sallie West.

Natural Bridge, Ala., Feb. 14, 1911.

SPRING AGAIN.

'Tis the glad Springtime, happy are we!
Hear the birds carol from every tree;
See the buds waking from their long sleep,
Hear the brooks laugh as they sparkle and leap.
Look in the coal bin—sure getting low,
Springtime is here, by this token we know.

Nature is joyous, now Winter's done,
Everything's growing, in the warm sun.
Come, let us join in the chorus so free,
In the glad Springtime happy are we.
Look in the coalbin—sure getting low,
But it doesn't need filling in Springtime, you know.
Atco, N. J. Cora S. Day.

THE AWAKENING.

I planted a Lily bulb firm and deep,
And left it alone in the ground to sleep;
The breath of the north wind sealed the place
Where the Lily bulb slept, nor left a trace.

The snow king passed through the valley at night,
And spread o'er the earth a mantle of white;
The north wind wailed through the wintry pines,
And tugged to release the trembling vines.

A breath from the south, and the song of a bird:
" 'Tis spring, 'tis spring!" and the Lily bulb heard.
Wash. Co., Vt. S. Minerva Boyce.

LADY DAFFODIL.

Little Lady Daffodil,
Clad in gown of yellow,
Came to sport with Butterfly,—
Quite a jolly fellow.

Pretty Lady Daffodil,
Wore a jewel rare,
Flaunted with a jaunty grace
In the sunny air.



Dainty Lady Daffodil,
How much care in vain!
Height of all the ills of luck!
It began to rain.

Silly Lady Daffodil,
Drooping in the wet,
Tho' the large drops pelted fall,
I will love you yet.

Roanoke, Va.

Grace I. Gish.

'NEATH THE OLD APPLE TREES.

The hammock that swings
'Neath the old Apple trees,
Where fragrance of Elder blooms
Float on the breeze,
Seems tempting me oft
To be swayed to and fro,
As birds in their nests
When the soft winds blow.

When the sun's last rays
Sink low in the west,
And twilight enticing
All Nature to rest,
When the moon shines bright
In the star-sprinkled sky
And peeps through the leaflets
Where boughs meet on high.

Then a longing steals o'er me
For that hammock's embrace,
Where deftly, sweet Nature
All troubles efface,
There's feeling of weariness
Naught else can appease,
But the hammock that swings
'Neath the old Apple trees.

Austin, Ill.

Mrs. E. P. Ford.

SOMEBODY'S BOY.

He was bent and old; he stood at our door,
A shrinking plea in his eye;
In his box were trinkets, a motley score,
And he asked if I would not buy;
I dropped the pennies into his hand,
And bade him a kind good-day.
"I'm a thousand times obliged to ye, ma'am,"
He said as he limped away.

Perhaps he was not what he seemed to be,
Crippled and bent with age,
Perhaps I was wasting my sympathy
On a badly written page;
But it seemed so pitiful thus to see
In this world of beauty and joy,
The poor old wreck of humanity
Who had once been somebody's boy.

Wash. Co., Vt.

Florence Josephine Boyce.

SPRING IS HERE.

Hear the Robins caroling,
And the Sparrows chirruping
Spring is here, Spring is here.
Hear the Snowdrops whispering,
While the Violet's glistening.
Spring is here, Spring is here.
Hear the Daisies singing,
And the Lillies echoing
Spring is here, Spring is here.

Flower Cottage, Ill., Mar. 20, 1911. L. C. Ahlers.

LIKES THE FARM.

Mr. Editor:—I feel like taking you by the hand this morning, for taking the defensive side for the poor farmer. I have read your delightful little Magazine at intervals for 18 or 20 years, and simply wouldn't do without it. I have enjoyed many helpful letters from "Ima." I know she is a highly intelligent and refined city woman, but she has been sadly misinformed as to farmers' lives and farmers' wives. I know their work is often hard, and their clothes sometimes soiled, as also are our city sisters' who have to toil in the grimy shops and factories.

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My mother had her gorgeous flower-beds and our yard and garden was enclosed with a poultry fence as it ever has been since, but I will admit it is in a rather dilapidated condition at the present time; however, there are no chickens or calves in the yard. That is a great mistake about farmers living on stale eggs and separated milk, for we get such products fresh each day.—It is the city people who use the cold storage products, and not the farmer.

Many of the farmers enjoy their autos, carriages, pianos and Axminster rugs. They also have their telephones, and the rural delivery brings the daily papers and magazines, and many more could enjoy the same luxuries if they only wished to, and I will venture to say that "empty pocket-book" is not found so often in the country as in the city. Of course we have the poor with us always, but they are mostly clean and respectable. Of poverty-stricken we have none in our community.

Now if "Ima" wishes to see beautiful, comfortable homes, with well-kept lawns, and honest, happy, healthy, respectable people, just visit the rural districts of Iowa and Missouri, for I have spent all my life on two farms, one in Iowa and one in Missouri. And as to that "Menu," just spend a week in our neighborhood, and I am sure you will be convinced that the farmer sets as good a table of wholesome, well-cooked food as any class you will find in the city.

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Browning, Mo., Mar. 19, 1911.

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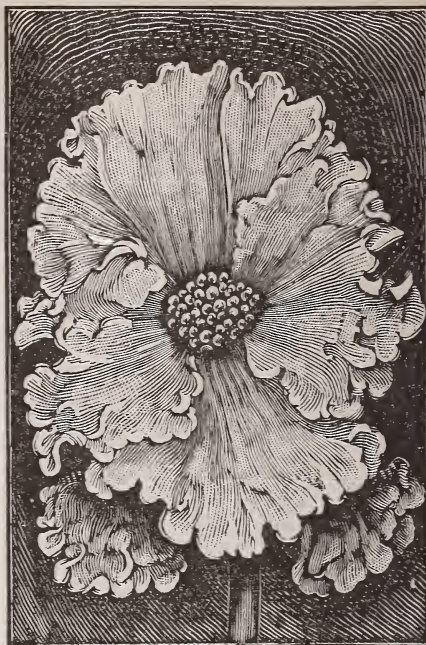
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On little Bianaca's grave.



Kissing the beautiful flowers
Which cover the little mound.
Chasing away the showers
That wet the precious ground.

Stronghurst, Ill.

Lena C. Ahlers.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country boy of 11 years.
My sister takes your Magazine, and I like it bet-
ter than any other paper we get. My dog Carlo
will sit up when he is hungry. Mamma has lots
of house flowers, and I have a little garden with
some wild flowers in it. We had four floods last
summer. Postals exchanged. Frank Frazier.
Red House Shoals, W. Va., B. 57.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farmer's daughter, 17
years old, and have been taking your Magazine
two years, and enjoy it very much. I love flow-
ers and birds very much, and am fond of coun-
try life. Mamie Johnson.
Marmaduke, Ark., R. 1. Mar. 21, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a girl of 12 years. My
mother has been taking your Magazine for two
years, and we like it very much. I got up a club
of subscribers and send herewith the names and
the money, and wish the premium Swiss Clock.
Walker, Iowa, R. 1. Opal Smith.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl 12 years old,
and go a mile to school. I love flowers, and we
have a flower garden in our yard. We have four
geese, five
ducks, and
twenty-four
little chick-
ens. I have
two dogs,
named Shep
and Fritz, and I like to play with them. I have
a singing Canary. Postals exchanged.
Normal, Ill., R. 2, B. 16. Marie Thomas.



Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm boy of 10 years.
I love birds and flowers, and will soon have a
garden of my own. Mother has taken your Mag-
azine five years, and we like it very much.
Brockton, N. Y., R. 23. Jay W. Gee.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 11 years old, and
live on a farm of 100 acres. I go 1/2 mile to school.
A friend got up a club for your Magazine. We
like it very much. We have 28 little lambs. I
am going to have a garden this summer.
St. Johns, Mich., Mar. 27, 1911. Ivan Coolman.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a farm girl of 14 years.
I go to school on horseback, and am in the sev-
enth grade. Our Tulips are in bloom, and are
very pretty. We take your Magazine, and I love
to read the letters and the advice about the care
of flowers. Thelma Topping.
Cornville, Ariz., Mar. 30, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 12 years old, and my
twin brother and sister are 9 years. We all live
with our aunt, who has been taking your Maga-
zine for many years. We are feeding the birds
this winter—Phoebes, Chickadees, Blue Jays and
Woodpeckers. We raise Grapes, Apples, Pears,
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Moore's Corner, Mass., Mar. 20, 1911.



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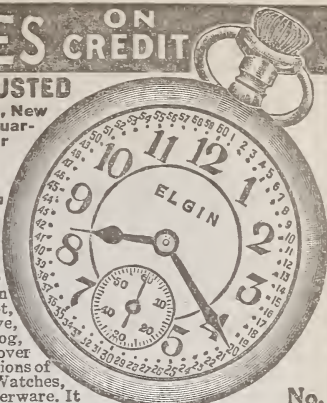
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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Achyranthus, Gilsoni
Linden
Emersoni
Egopodium podagraria
Ageratum, white
Anomum Cardamomum
Anomatheca cruenta
Anthericum variegata
Arum cornutum
Italicum
Asparagus Sprengeri
Teuissimus
Decumbens
Pumposus Blampiedii
Common Garden
Bauhinia purpurea
Begonia in variety
Argentea Guttata
Cactus, Opuntia variegata
Cereus, Queen of Night
Calla, spotted-leaf
Canna variegata
Robusta, red-leaved
Carex Japonica
Carica Papaya
Cineraria Hybrida
Olanthus Puniceus
Coleus, Fancy mixed
Crape Myrtle, Purple, Pink
and Crimson
Crassula cordata
Cuphea Platycentra
Cyclamen Emperor Wm.
James Prize
White, red eye
Atro-rubrum
Roseum Superbum
Album, White
Universum
Mt. Blanc, White
Violaecum
Eranthemum pulchellum
Erythrina crista galli
Eucalyptus Marginata
Resinifera
Eucomis punctata
Eupatorium serrulatum
Euphorbia splendens
Fern, Boston, tall
Nephrolepis compacta
Scottii, dwarf
Pierston Plume
Ficus repens
Fuchsia in variety.
Geranium, Zonale, variety
Ivy-leaf in variety
Scented, in variety
Gerberis Jamesonii
Grevillea robusta
Heliotrope, white, violet
Hibiscus, Peach Blow
Mutabilis
Rosaes Grandiflora
Hoya Carnosa
Impatiens Sultani
Holsti
Ivy, Irish or parlor
Jacaranda Mimosaefolia
Jasmine
Justicia sanguinea coccin.
Lantana in variety
Lavender, Tree
Mackaya Bella
Mexican Primrose
Montbretia
Moon Flower
Nasturtium, double-yellow
Double red

Oxalis Golden Star
Arborea pink
Palm Phoenix Tenius
Pritchardia Filamentosa
Brahea Filamentosa
Palmetto
Phoenix Robellina
Canariensis
Peperomia maculosa
Pilea Muscosa
Pittosporum Tobira
Undulatum
Poinsettia Pulcherrima
Primula Chinese, mixed
Obconica, mixed
Rhynchospermum Jasmin-
oides
Ruellia Makoyana
Salvia Coccinea splendens
Scarlet Sage
Sansevieria Zeylanica
Selaginella Maritima
Senecio petasites
Smilax Boston
Myrtifolia
Solanan grandiflorum
Sollya heterophylla
Stevia serrata
Surinam Cherry
Swainsonia galegifol. alba
Tradescantia Zebrina
Umbrella Tree
Veronica Imperialis
Vinca rosea
Variegata
Viscaria oculata

Hardy Plants.

Arabis Alpina
Alyssum Saxatile
Anemone Whirlwind
Queen Charlotte
Anthemis Nobilis
Anthericum Liliaigo
Apios Tuberosa
Aquilegia, single red
Single, pink
Purple, Yellow, Blue
Canadensis
Arisema, Indian Turnip
Asclepias Tuberosa
Aster, hardy
Balm, sweet herb
Begonia Evansiana, Hardy
Bellis Snowball
Longfellow
Delicata
Rupthalamum cordifolium
Calamus acorus
Campanula in variety
Carnation, Margaret
Red, Yellow, White, Rose
Variegated
Cerastium grandiflorum
Chrysanthemum in variety
Cineraria Maritima
Clematis
Coreopsis Lanceolata
Delphinium in variety
Dianthus, Hardy Baby
Pinks
Diostrya Eximia
Spectabilis Bleeding Heart
Digitalis Foxglove
Yellow, Rose
Funkia Subcordata grand.
Undulata Variegata
Ovata
Geranium Maculatum
Sanguineum
Gaillardia grandiflora
Hibiscus Crimson Eye

Helianthus Maximillianus
Helianthemum, Golden
Daisy
Hemerocallis Flava
Dumortieri
Thunbergii
Fulva
Heraclium Mantegazzian.
Hoarhound, Herb
Hollyhock, Double
Red, White, Pink
Hypericum Moserianum
Iris, German Blue
May Queen
Rosy Queen
Iris Florentine, white
Blue, also Purple
Mme. Chereau
Foetidissima variegata
Pallida Dalmatica
Pseudo-acorus yellow
Siberica atropurpurea
Kaempferi Leopold II
Glorie de Rotterdam
Queen of Blues
Kermesinianum
Mont Blanc
Lilium Takesima
Tigrinum
Umbellatum
Lilium Perenne
Lunaria biennis
Lychnis coronaria, white
Crimson
Malva Moschata
Paeony, Officialis, red
Chinese White, Red, Pink
Tenuifolia, red
Parsley, Moss Curled
Peregrine, Pea, pink, red, white
Phalaris, ribbon-grass
Phlox Boule de Feu, scarlet
Boule de Nieve, white
Faust, lilac
Adonis, white, rosy centre
Pinks, hardy, mixed
Platycodon, White, Blue
Grandiflora
Plumbago, Lady Larpent
Polygonum multiflorum
Cuspidatum
Poppy Perennial
Primula Auricula
Veris Duplex
Veris Single
Pyrethrum, Hardy Cosmos
Rocket, Sweet
Rudbeckia Golden Glow
Purpurea
Newmanii
Sullivanti
Sage, Broad-leaved
Salvia Pratensis
Saponaria Ocymoides
Saxifraga peltata
Sedum, for banks
Acre, yellow
Silene orientalis
Spirea Gladstone, white
Palmata elegans
Sweet William
Tansy
Thalictrum, Meadow Rue
Thyme, Variegated
Tritoma Carolina
Tritonia McOwani
Vernonia noveboracensis
Vinca, Blue Myrtle
Viola, Marie Louise
Wallflower, Winter bloom.
Yucca filamentosa

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Abelia rupestris
Ailanthus glandulosa
Akebia quinata
Althea, double, also Single
Amorpha fruticosa
Aralia pentaphylla
Benzoin odoriferum
Berberis Jamesonii
Thunbergii
Bignonia Radicans
Capreolata
Buckeye, Horse Chestnut
California Privet
Calycanthus floridus
Catalpa Kempferi
Cercis canadensis
Celastrus scandens
Colutea Arborescens
Cornus Sericea
Cytisus Laburnum
Deutzia gracilis
Crenata fl. pleno
Pride of Rochester
Diospyrus virginica
Eucalyptus, Blue Gum
Gummi
Euonymus Americana
Euonymus Japonica
Variegata
Exochorda grandiflora
Forsythia Viridissima
Suspensa (Sieboldii)
Hamamelis Virginiana
Honeysuckle, Hall's hardy
Reticulata aurea
Scarlet trumpet
Hydrangea paniculata
Ivy, English, green
Variegated-leaved
Jasmine nudiflorum
Kerria Japonica fl. pleno
Koeleruteria paniculata
Ligustrum Ibotum
Lilac, common
Liquidambar, sweet gum
Magnolia acuminata
Tripetala
Maple, scarlet
Sugar, also Cut-leaf
Paulownia imperialis
Poplar or Tulip tree
Philadelphus, Mock Orange
Grandiflorus
Primula veris duplex
Robinia, Flowering Locust
Pseudo-acacia
Rhamnus Carolina
Rhus Armatosa
Rose, Baltimore Belle
Prairie Queen
Seven Sisters
Tennessee Belle
Wichuriana, white
Single, pink, climbing
Sambucus Canadensis
Spirea Anthony Waterer
Prunifolia
Callosa alba
Reevesii, double
Van Houttei, single
Sugar-berry or Hackberry
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Grandpa Gray-beard.—From Westville, Florida, I have a pressed spray of flowers for name. It is *Chionanthus Virginica*.

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I can supply Choice Vegetable Seeds of the kinds here listed at the prices attached. All of these seeds are fresh and tested, and can be relied upon. I offer them with entire confidence as to their vitality and quality. They are delivered free at the prices quoted.

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Beans (Lima), Seibert's Early, Early Jersey, King of the Garden, Large White; also Burpee's Bush, Henderson's, Dreer's. 1 pkt. 5c, pint 30c, quart 45c.

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Cauliflower, Early Snowball. Per pkt. 10c, oz. \$2.00. Veitch's Autumn. Pkt. 5 cts., oz. 50 cts.

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Celery, White Plume, Pink Plume, Giant White Solid, Golden Rose-ribbed, Golden Heart, Giant Paschal, Large Improved Paris; also Boston Market. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 20c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 60c, 1 lb. \$2.00.

Chervil, curled. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

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Collards, George Pinkhead; leaves cooked as substitute for cabbage in the South. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

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Cress, curled; used as salad. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

Cucumber, Early White Spine, Jersey Pickle, Long Green, Long Common. Pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 35c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

Dandelion, Large-leaved French; used as early greens. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 25c.

Egg Plant, Early Delicatessa, New York Purple, Black Pekin. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 35c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. \$1.25.

Endive, Golden Curled; also White Moss. Per pkt. 5c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 50c. The leaves are used for garnishing, also as greens.

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Parsley, Extra Curled, Champion Moss Curled, Beauty of Parterre; also Triple Curled. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, 1 lb. 75c.

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Pepper, Columbus, Cayenne, Long Red, Long Yellow, Bell or Bull Nose, Ruby Skin, Chinese Giant, Cherry, Japan Cluster, Golden Dawn. Mixed, per pkt. 5c, oz. 20c, 1 lb. \$2.00.

Potatoes, Bovee, Uncle Sam, Sir Walter Raleigh. Per peck 3c, bu. \$ bbl. \$ purchaser paying freight or express charges. Write for prices.

Pumpkin, Cheese, Connecticut Field; also Tennessee Sweet Potato, Mammoth Potiron. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, 1 lb. 40c.

Radish, Early Long Scarlet, Early Scarlet Turnip, Long Scarlet White-tipped, French Breakfast, Golden Globe, White Strasburg, White Turnip, Long Cardinal, Chartier, White Icicle, California Mammoth White, Rose Winter; also White Chinese, Long Black Spanish. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, 1 lb. 50c.

Rhubarb or **Pie Plant**, Victoria. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 15c, 1 lb. \$1.25.

Salsify, Mammoth Sandwich Island. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 12c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 30c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

Spinach, Long Standing, Prickly Seeded, Victoria; also Savor Leaved. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, 1 lb. 35c.

Squash, Golden Summer Crookneck, Extra Early Bush, Giant Summer Crookneck, Neapolitan, Vegetable Marrow, Delicata, Mammoth Chilli, Hubbard, Fordhook; also Summer Crookneck White, Boston Marrow. Pkt. 5c, oz. 10c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25c, 1 lb. \$1.00.

Tomato, Atlantic Prize, Improved Beauty, Earliana, Ignoutum, Stone, Ponderosa, Golden Queen, Golden Trophy, Pear-shaped Yellow, Semperfructifosa; also Dwarf Stone, Matchless. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 25c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 60c.

Turnip, Flat Dutch, Scarlet Kashmir, Extra Early White Milan, White Egg, Golden Ball, Red-top White Globe, Large Early Red-top Globe, Amber Globe, Orange Jelly, Rutabaga Long Island Improved, Purple-top Rutabaga or Swede. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 20c, 1 lb. 50c.

Watermelon, Cole's Early, Phiney's Early, Early Fordhook, Seikon Early, Mountain Sweet, Kolb's Gem, Preserving Citron, Melver's Wonderful, Sweet Heart, Kleckleys Sweet, Florida Favorite. Pkt. 5c, oz. 8c, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. 25c.

Herbs, Anise, Large Green Sweet Basil, Bush Green Basil, Borage, Balm, Catnip, Coriander, Dill, Large Sweet Fennel, Hoarhound, Lavender, Pot Marjoram, Sweet Marjoram, Mustard, Rosemary, Winter Savory, Broad-leaved Sage, Summer Savory, Saffron, Tansy, Broad-leaved Thyme, French Summer Thyme, Tarragon, Wormwood. Per pkt. 5c, oz. 25c.

Miscellaneous.--Evergreen Broom Corn, 1 lb., mailed, 20c; 25 lbs. or more, by express, not prepaid, 7c per lb. Sunflower Russian, 1 lb., mailed, 20c; 25 lbs. or more, by express, not prepaid, 7c per lb. White Dutch Clover for bee pasture and lawns, oz. 6c, 1 lb. 50c.

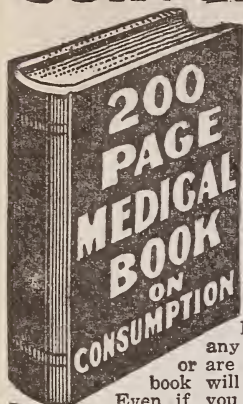
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Mrs. E. J. Francis.

Ft. Meade, Polk Co., Fla., Apr. 8, 1911.

CONTENT.

Why should we scheme for money?
Since we cannot buy content.
Why should we put off living,
Till our sense of joy is spent?

Why feed on Fame's allurements,
And become a slave to praise?
Why build what death shall crumble?
Why discredit passing days?

Why long for power official,
That can will the lives of men?
Such power, if not a burden,
Frets content that might have been.

We all aspire contentment,
Sometime, somewhere and somehow,
While true content is waiting
Our approval here, right now.

Then let us shun deception,
Which postpones our joy to-day,
And, thanking God sincerely,
Live contented while we may.

Alleghany Co., N. Y.

M. Conklin.

"WHY LEAVE THE FARM?"

Mr. Editor:—I was pleased to find in February Magazine the spirited poem by Farmer's Wife in answer to "Why Leave the Farm," published in January issue. Now, as one who was raised upon the farm, where we saved and slaved pretty hard, and one who has seen some of life since, I wish today I could travel all over this country and preach the gospel of contentment to the farmers and their wives, especially to the farmer's boys and girls. Were I not highly honored in being a "poor preacher" of the "unsearchable riches of Christ," I should be sincerely regretting that I did not stay on the farm. Of course there is drudgery and hard work there, but there are compensations. If farmers would put as much brains and "horse sense," or any kind of sense, into their farming that people in the city have to do to make money and get on, they will live off the best and still make money. I know I might be worth thousands that I am not worth, and so might others; but does it pay to sacrifice the health and contentment and freedom of country life, for the unrest of city life? I say, good for the farmer's wife of Cass County, Michigan.

A. Z. Myers, Pastor 1st Baptist Church.
Shamokin, Pa., March 18, 1911.

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BRIEF ANSWERS.

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Privet.—G. A. Hall, Virginia, sends a spray of foliage to be named. It is a species of *Ligustrum* or Privet.

Scabiosa.—Mrs. Holt, Vermont, sends leaf and flower for name. The name is *Scabiosa atropurpurea*, sometimes known as Mourning Bride. It is a handsome, easily-grown garden annual, growing two feet high, and bearing globular heads of flowers of various colors on long, stiff stems. Sow the seeds in spring or fall. A dwarf kind is desirable for winter-blooming in pots.

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I have been a reader and admirer of your Magazine for years, and enjoy every line of its floral teachings and poetry. To read it is to appreciate it, and I wish it may find its way into every farmer's home in America.

Ellen D. Reynolds.

McCords, Mich., March 23, 1911.

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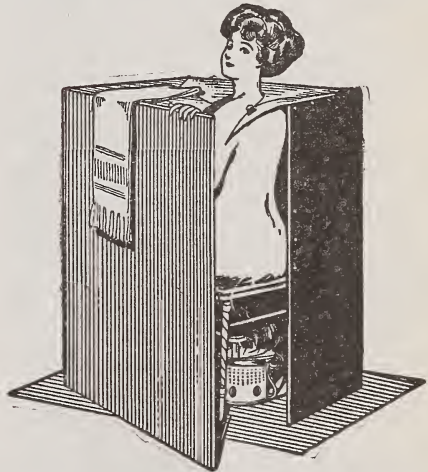
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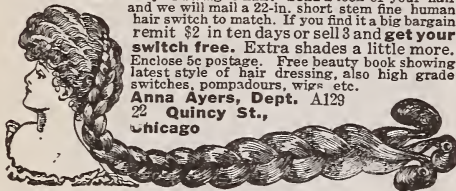
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THE MOTHER.

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And the conquests they have won;
How some ruled the nation wisely,
And some noble deed had done;
And how heroes of our navy,
Have won for us many a fight;
But we've overlooked the Mother
Who has trained her child aright.

We have read of how some statesman
Served his native land so well;
How the generals gained th' victories
'Ere on battle-fields they fell;
And how patriots of our country,
Did their duty with delight;
But we've overlooked the Mother
Who has trained her child aright.

We raise statues for the noble,
Who have done some mighty work,
Who have acted very wisely,
And their duty ne'er did shirk.
Thus we praise religious heroes,
Who proclaim the Truth and Light.
But we've overlooked the Mother
Who has trained her children right.

We'll now stop and just consider,
How the Mothers of our land,
Do so teach their children justice,
And guide them with a loving hand;
And the sacrifice they're making,
To so train the youth aright,
For through Mother comes the victory,—
She who trains her children right.

St. Louis, Mo.

Albert E. Vassar.

TIME.

The drift of time has brought with it the shifting sands. Rivers sometimes change their courses. The Royal Gorge is nothing but the history of old Niagara, beating its retreat from the Falls. The Grand Canyon of Colorado is but the caprice of a water-way among the wild and scenic fastnesses of the Rockies. What we call Time is only a halt in the march of the eternities—a period that grants to human beings the moment to fashion destiny. The stream of life moves on—to-day, a limpid stream, to-morrow, a frantic torrent. There is no such thing as change. Things shift. It is all crowded with a sense of pathetic sadness. Thus all these shifting scenes are set for the new spirits who come on to play their part in Life's great drama.

Chaut. Co., N.Y., Apr. 17, 1911. Flora.

BRIEF ANSWER.

Damping Off.—Tender seedling plants and tender cuttings often drop over and die because of a little web-like fungus that creeps over the moist soil and attacks the stem of the plants at the surface of the ground. A remedy is to stir sulphur into the surface, and do not let the plants crowd so as to prevent the access of air. If the edge of a knife-blade is run through the soil the web will adhere, and can be seen when held toward the light. It is almost microscopic.

House Roses.—Some desirable Roses for the house are Clothilde Soupert, Hermosa, Arch Duke Charles, LaFrance, Queens Scarlet, Cecil Brunner, and Francisca Kruger. Some of these will bloom more freely at certain times than others, but all are of easy culture, and are generally successful in the hands of the amateur florist.

Wonder Lemon.—This plant will drop its buds or flowers without forming a fruit if the drainage is clogged, or the soil is kept too moist. It likes a sandy, porous soil, and full sunshine.

Turban Ranunculus.—This tuberous plant is said to be hardy, but in northern New York it would be well to take the little fascicle of tubers up and keep in a dry, frost-proof place till spring.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Washington.—Mr. Park:—I read and enjoy your Magazine so much that I feel I must write and tell you. I read all of the letters, but I do think it is too bad that there are not more men writing. Now, I know that there are lots of single men, bachelors, if you will, just like I am, that love flowers, and why do they not tell of their plants and pets?

Now, running the risk of displeasing some of the ladies, I will say I do not agree with all of them. There are, for instance, two birds that ought to be exterminated, and they are the English Sparrow and the Blue Jay. The Sparrow is a robber, and his chief delight is to take possession of some poor little Swallow's nest. He don't keep it if I see him. The Jay is a nuisance. In the Spring he loves to come along and pull the early Peas, and he does not eat them, but just goes along and pulls the row, and you may be sure that he does not do it but once, if I can help it. As for the cat, well I will tell you how to protect the birds in the trees. Just take a bunch of brush, real brush, long, bushy, and slender, tie a ring of same around the stem of the tree, brush down, and be sure you place it above the cat's jumping power, and Mrs. Cat will forget to pass it. Or, another way is to fit a board around the tree in such a manner that the cat will bump her head against it when she climbs the tree.

I should like to tell you how I manage to have some plants in flower all the year, but am afraid the editor will lose patience; but I must tell you of some of our wild flowers here on the Puget Sound. The wild currant is fine in the early Spring. The buds are now swelling, and in a short while it will be a blaze of scarlet. Then the Trilium will pass up its fragrant blossoms, and the Solomon's Seal will not be far behind. These will all respond to cultivation. Later you will see the white Spirea, and the Oceanspray, also white. These are bushes; but let me not forget the Dogwood, with its showy white flowers, which, like an oil painting, must be seen at a distance to be appreciated. Our Ferns are fine, green all Winter, and in places you find the Rattlesnake Plantain, the Ladyslipper, and the Indian Pipe. The Rattlesnake Plantain can be kept indoors, but is hardy and green all Winter outdoors. The Black Huckleberry, with its waxen pink, bell-shaped flowers, is also fine.

An Old Washington Bachelor.

Orillia, Wash., Feb. 28, 1911.

QUESTIONS.

Pæonies and Phloxes.—I have been unsuccessful with these. Will some one in Utah who has been successful with them tell us how to care for them here?—A. N., Richland, Utah.

Rhubarb.—Will Rhubarb grow in northern Texas (Denison), and if so, what culture should be given, and when should plants be started?—Mrs. Miller, Texas.

Gas and Plants.—We use gas, but my Ferns are all beautiful. I have Boston, Sword, Elegantissima, and Whitmanii, and they are grand. I also have Hoya, Sansevieria, two kinds of Asparagus, Callas and Umbrella Grass (Cyperus), but my Geraniums simply will not grow. Will someone tell me what ails them?

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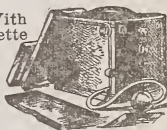
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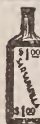
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Then through the winter the hens don't lay, And prices are down by the first of May. So if we don't save all the eggs that we can, The men folks will think things at "hard pan."

While defective Apples for cider must go, As the good housewife says loves pickles so. She must have vinegar to put them in, And to have it to buy would seem like a sin.

In the spring time the sheep must all be shorn, Heavy wool on their backs makes them look forlorn. There are fences to build, and plowing to do, While indoors, the house needs cleaning straight through.

Then men to cook for when the harvest comes on, Through the heat of the day, as well as the dawn. And then you have all of your fruit to prepare, Until you almost wish that you were not there.

Oh! Give me a life more free from care, Or let some one help the burdens to bear; As you can't make things go unless you are there To help and control, and keep things in repair.

I've lived in the town, also know country life, And I know the hard lot of a farmer's wife. But I love the green meadows, and at times the thronged street, And I think it takes both to make life complete, Cardington, Ohio. Mrs. Anna L. Glass.

PITTSBURG ENCOURAGES BIRDS.

There is an effort being made in Pittsburg to encourage our native song birds, and the newspapers and schools are working up enthusiasm in attracting birds to their city. Miss Kennard, president of the Play-ground Association, is interested in the work, and using her influence to promote its success. The children are being instructed concerning the appearance, song and habits of the various birds, and bird-boxes are being distributed to put up in different parts of the city. Miss Kennard suggested planting Cherry trees along the streets and in the Parks to attract the birds, and encourage them to locate there. The work is a laudable one, and deserves encouragement from all who love Nature and her refining and uplifting influence.

Before entering upon this worthy project, however, it would be well to consider a few things and prepare the way for the comfort and contentment of the native songsters. In the first place, cats should be taxed, and not be allowed to run at large. Then, it is a proven fact that our song birds decrease in a locality in proportion as the English Sparrows increase. Before attempting to allure our native birds, therefore, the city should offer a bounty on every cat and every female English Sparrow brought in during the months of December and January, and the work should be taken up by the newspapers, and a genuine enthusiasm worked up in eradicating the pests. A vigorous campaign for two months should greatly lessen

the number. Let the male sparrows live, as they are detrimental to increase, and eventually will die a natural death.

As to planting fruit trees the idea is good, but I would not advise the planting of Cherries. They are a long time coming into bearing, produce sparingly, are subject to frost which often destroys the entire crop, are liable to become infested with San Jose Scale, which will destroy the tree and also pollute other trees, the fruit is coveted by boys who would frighten the birds, and the fruiting season is of short duration. An ideal tree to plant for birds is the Russian Mulberry, which can be purchased by the thousand from a dealer in tree seedlings, for an insignificant sum. This tree is hardy, sure to grow, branches freely and grows rapidly. It begins to bear the second year, and is a mass of fruit the third and subsequent years. It is beautiful in form, requires no pruning, and is a dense nesting tree. It is sure to bear. The fruiting season begins before the earliest Cherries, and lasts till after the latest Cherries have long disappeared. Frost does not catch the crop, as the flowers do not develop till after the frost period. Boys do not care enough for the fruit to seriously trouble it or the birds, and what is more, the Robin and other Cherry birds that I have knowledge of, prefer the fruit berry to that of the Cherry. Then trees planted this spring (and every tree will grow that you plant) would be bearing freely in Pittsburg by the time the Sparrows were eradicated, and an influx of the native birds could then be expected.



RUSSIAN MULBERRY.



THE BERRIES.

It would be cruel to entice our innocent songsters to a place over-run by cats and English Sparrows, for it would only tend to deplete the number of our insectivorous birds, and the work could not but end in failure. By all means rid the place of the enemies before inviting and urging our dear little feathered friends to make their homes with you.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Mexico.—Mr. Park:—No one could have expressed appreciation more beautifully of your Floral Magazine than Mrs. L. B. Coppage, Ohio Co., Ky., who compared it to the choicest of literature—the Bible. I voice her sentiments. To me the floral world is a heaven, and I love to read about beautiful flowers.

A word of praise for Will C. Whisner, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va. His tribute to "Mother's Love" is more than beautiful—it is sacred. Would that all children regarded it as he does! Our lives would be as beautiful as the flowers, and a continued sunshine.

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Mrs. G. F. Brooks.
Montemorelos, N. L., Mex., Mar. 21, 1911.

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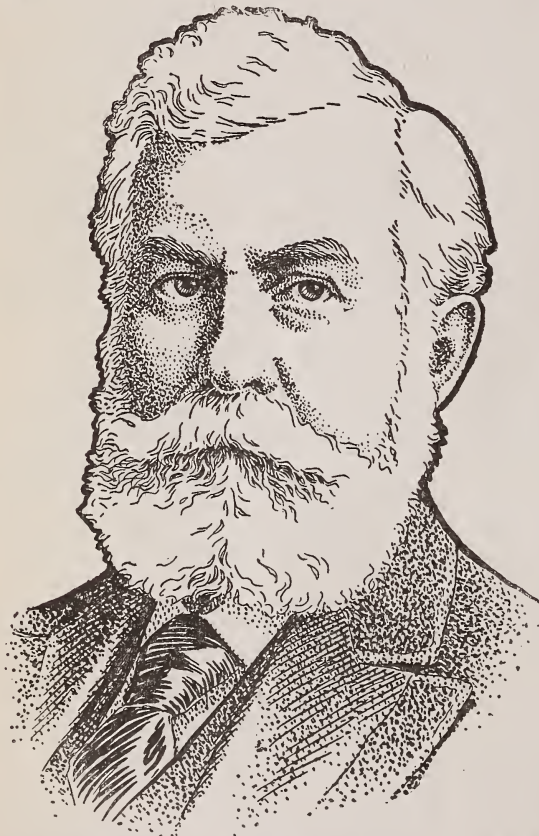
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Charlotte Fitz Ames.

Hermits Cave, Elysian Gardens, Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 17, 1911.

BRIEF ANSWER.

Australian Palms.—These will be hardy in California where the temperature does not get below the freezing point. Otherwise they must be protected.

Abutilon.—Mrs. Hanson, of Wisconsin, has an Abutilon (Flowering Maple) which bloomed well out-doors last summer, but after bringing it



into the house, its leaves curled and the buds dropped off. The leaf she enclosed in her letter, is troubled with a fungus. Dusting the foliage with sulphur, and stirring some lime and sulphur into the surface soil, will be found beneficial.

ABUTILON. Avoid a dry, hot atmosphere, and give the plant a sunny exposure, and good ventilation. By good care the fungus will doubtless disappear, and the plant will become healthy.

Geraniums.—Occasionally the leaves of Geraniums are affected by the larva of an insect which deposits its eggs upon the under surface. Watch for the pest, and spray with soapsuds as soon as the "worms" appear. Any webs found upon the leaves should be promptly removed and destroyed, as this may prevent the trouble later.

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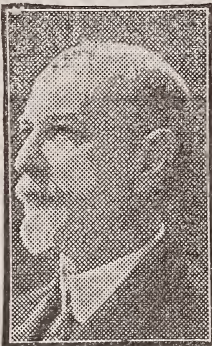
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THE ENGLISH SPARROW A NUISANCE.

Mr. Park:—I am an interested reader of your valuable Magazine, and derive much pleasure from the articles relating to the protection of birds. I heartily agree with all you say about the common cat being destructive to birds, but in my opinion the English Sparrow is the more destructive. 'The Government Bulletins decry the Sparrow as a nuisance, a pest, and a menace to the welfare of the country at large, a factor that has sooner or later to be dealt with. Sixty years ago the English Sparrow was introduced in a New York park to destroy insects, and since then it has spread and multiplied until today it inhabits the greater part of the United States and lower Canada.

That it destroys insects cannot be denied. A Government Bulletin states: "Out of 522 English Sparrow stomachs examined by the Biological Survey, 47 contained noxious insects, 50 contained beneficial insects, and 31 contained insects of no consequence from an economic standpoint." Also, "It destroys small fruits, such as grapes, cherries, pears, peaches, and buds and flowers of cultivated trees, shrubs and vines. In the garden it eats seeds as they ripen and nips off tender young vegetables as they appear above ground, peas and lettuce being especially subject to its attacks."

I do not wish to appear discourteous, but after such evidence can any one say, as did the correspondent from Massachusetts, "I believe the English Sparrow has an abode here." True, they are God's creatures, as well as are the insects that Miss Wilson says she has seen them destroy. The common rat is one of God's creatures as well, but how many of us are willing for it to have an abode here? The trouble today is because of man's interference with nature's law of the survival of the fittest.

It will take a concerted effort to reduce the numbers of the English Sparrow, and I humbly suggest that our Editor start the movement for an organization or society with the object of destroying the English Sparrow. I believe if laws were enacted and enforced to the effect that any person permitting English Sparrows to nest on their property or premises, should be guilty of harboring or committing a nuisance, and be fined accordingly, it would materially reduce the number of the pests. I also believe if people only realized the extent of the destruction by this pest they would at once declare battle against it, and we might again awake to hear the sweet songs of the Robin and Oriole instead of the noisy chatter of the English Sparrow. J. W. Breeden.

Cumberland, Md., March 23, 1911.

Drink and Tobacco.—Mr. Park:—I enjoy the letters in your Magazine, and found special interest in the one written by "A Cranky Old Bachelor," from Tampa, Florida. He expressed my sentiments exactly in regard to the drink and tobacco habit. If more men had as sensible views on the question there would be much more happiness and less misery in this world of ours. As to being kissed by one who indulges in either drink or tobacco—the thought alone is disgusting. The "Bachelor" may be old, but I refuse to believe him a "cranky" one.

Belmont, O., Mar. 20, 1911.

S. E. P.

CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little farm boy 7 years old. I have 10 little pigs and one little Jersey calf. I walk a mile to school. Papa has 7 acres in strawberries. Carl W. Baxter.

Figure Five, Ark., March 22, 1911.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am 18 years old, and live on a 1600 acre farm. We have many wild flowers here, but do not grow many tame ones, as the wind blows the sand so hard that it cuts the plants off. I have 12 brothers and sisters all alive, also my parents. Can anyone beat that? I have a piano but cannot play much, although I can make a grand noise. I wish to exchange postals from every State, and will answer all received. Amelia, Neb., B. 43. Grace Thompson.

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interfere with your work or occupation. Just send me your name and address, tell me how you suffer if you wish, and I will send you the treatment for your case, entirely free, in plain wrapper, by return mail. I will also send you free of cost, my book—"WOMAN'S OWN MEDICAL ADVISER" with explanatory illustrations showing why women suffer, and how they can easily cure themselves at home. Every woman should have it, and learn to think for herself. Then when the doctor says—"You must have an operation," you can decide for yourself. Thousands of women have cured themselves with my home remedy. It cures all, old or young.

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The sweetest sound the whole year 'round—
'Tis the Robin's springtime song;
I love to see his joyful glee,
Through morn and the whole day long.

The finest view the whole year through—
'Tis the sweet spring flowers so gay;
For the Violets blue greet me and you.
And they gladden our life's pathway.

I favor spring-life, for it seems without strife,
When the flowers and birds are so sweet;
Awake from morn's ray till the close of the day;
Their visit is a wonderful treat.

Come, birds and sweet flow'rs, to this South-
land of ours.

We've room, and you're welcome and free;
For you are God's smile—our our troubles be-
guile.

Come, be happy in field, shrub and tree.

Benton Co., Ark. W. R. Edwards.

Cruelty.—Look around when you see a crowd of women at church or anywhere, and think whether the cats kill all the birds! And lots of the women profess to be Christians, too. Have they ever thought how awful cruel it is to help keep up the demand for the slaughter of the birds, while the poor little nestlings must cry in vain for food till death relieves their misery. Could anything be more cruel?

Susan Rouzer.

New Paris, Pa., Mar. 21, 1911.

Spraying and Birds.—Mr. Park:—I think that the spraying of the fruit trees with poisonous materials to kill insects, has killed many birds, as well as the small boy with the gun. The cat is not responsible for all of the bird destruction. M. A. C.

Oak Dale, Pa., Mar. 15, 1911.



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Luther Burbank's Testimony.

Dear Mr. Park:- I do not think too much can be said against the filthy and dangerous tobacco habit. Those addicted to it have no thought for the rights of others. I got off a street car in Chicago, and was walking down the street, when someone caught me by the shoulders and gave me a slap on the back. He apologized and told me my dress was on fire. Some cigar fiend had held his cigar so that it touched my dress. The ashes were to show what caused the fire. Had it been a cotton instead of a woollen one, there might have been something worse than a ruined dress.

I read the following in our church paper and thought it worth passing on:

"Every one has heard of Luther Burbank, who, on account of his marvelous achievements in horticulture and arboriculture, has been called the 'Plant Wizard.' A New York paper some time since sent a correspondent to seek an interview with Mr. Burbank. Among other questions propounded in the course of the interview was this: 'Do you think that whisky and tobacco impair the faculty for work?' The answer will deeply interest many readers:

"If I answer your question simply by saying that I never use tobacco and alcohol in any form, and very rarely either coffee or tea you might say that was a personal preference, and proved nothing. But I can prove to you most conclusively that even the mild use of stimulants is incompatible with work requiring accurate attention and definite concentration. To assist me in my work of budding—work that is accurate and exacting as watchmaking—I have a force of some twenty men. I discharge men from this force at the first show of incompetency. Some time ago my foreman asked me if I took pains to inquire into the personal habits of my men. On being answered in the negative, he surprised me by saying that the men I found to be unable to do the delicate work of budding invariably turned out to be smokers and drinkers. These men, while able to do the rough work of farming, call budding and other delicate work 'puttering,' and have to give it up, owing to an inability to concentrate their nerve force. Even men who smoke one cigar a day I cannot entrust with some of my delicate work. Cigarettes are even more damaging than cigars, and their use by young boys is little short of criminal."

As the old woman said, "shows my sentiments 'actly." A Cranky Female.

Racine Co., Wis., March 22, 1911.

Asparagus.—This is a beautiful plant in the garden, and can be used in bouquets when the plants develop. When the shoots, crisp and tender, appear above the ground, they are a palatable vegetable. The plants are both pistillate and staminate, and the latter are considered the more productive. The ground must be porous, rich, deep and moist to get the best results. Barnyard manure is the best fertilizer. Apply it freely the last of June, after the cutting season is past. Nitrate of soda may also be used, 160 pounds to the acre. Some recommend salt, but its value as a fertilizer is doubted. Enough can be applied between the rows to keep down weeds, and this is an advantage. The Asparagus plants are not readily affected by salt, as are weeds and tender plants. The gardener must judge as to the quantity. If plants are troubled by the Asparagus beetle, dust them in the morning, while the dew is on, with fresh slacked lime.

GOSSIP.

Begonias.—I would say in reply to M. M. Adams, that Begonia Diadema is fully described in the May Magazine of 1910. I do not know what Star Begonia is, but I am quite sure Mr. Park can supply you with a plant of "Lily Pad" Begonia under the name of "Feasti," or sometimes called Pond Lily Begonia.

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"WHY LEAVE THE FARM."

Dear Mr. Park:—I await the coming of your Magazine every month, for it is very interesting. It is the dearest Magazine I take. Mr. Park, I want to answer that woman who signed herself "A Farmer's Wife," in the February number, replying to "Why Leave the Farm." What she said about hand-painted bowls, and the fine cooking, and the pocket-book bulging, and flowers costing but a trifle, is not so with nine-tenths of the farmer's wives, and she knows it, if she knows anything about a farm. Her reference to "Noah's Ark, court houses and divorces," shows what runs in her mind. How long has it been since the farmers could phone to the creamery for their butter and Jersey cream? Her criticism of "Ima" who wrote the truth is too severe. I am 60 years old, and did not come from the Ark, either. I have lived on eight farms in eight different States. Some farmers are better off than others, but most of them are hard-working people. The farmer's wife has to work and save all she can, this I know to be the truth. And about that bulging pocket-book, it is like the phone, when the farm is eight to fifteen miles from town.

This woman makes one think of some of the women now-a-days, and truly lots of the men do run for dear life to the Court houses for divorces, and they get them, too, for their wives are nothing but indolent spend-thrifts of their hard-worked husband's money. I have seen some pretty country homes of rich men, like she wrote about. If she wanted to describe such a home she could, without speaking disparagingly of the woman who first answered "Why Leave the Farm." And if the woman had added that a farmer's wife often went into the field and cow-yard and took a man's place at work, she would only be telling the truth. I think that we should have more feeling for one another than this woman showed the lady who wrote upon this topic in the January number.

Mrs. M. Richardson.

Fruitvale, Cal., Mar. 8, 1911.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE DOG.

Mr. Park:—I speak for the noble house dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer and lick the wounds and sores that come in the encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast into the world, friendless and homeless,

the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than accompanying him, to guard him against danger, to fight against his enemies; and when the last scene of all comes, and Death takes his master in his embrace, and the body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there, by his grave-side, will the noble dog be found, with his head between his paws, and his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even in death.

The noble dog deserves the true love and friendship of his master. I shall be glad if these thoughts will promote a deeper interest in the dear old house dog, and that we shall hear less about the worthless cat, that lacks affection, and causes so much grief and sorrow and loss of life among the feathered tribe—our beautiful song birds.

Mrs. May Markham.

Bay City, Mich., April 13, 1911.

[Note.—The above is a true and beautiful tribute to the faithful house dog, and I gladly give it space in the reading department among the advertisements. It will touch a sympathetic chord in the heart of many who own and esteem the faithfulness and usefulness of that noble animal—the old house dog.—Ed.]

MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—I am past 71 years of age, but am still interested in flowers, and I like your Magazine as much as ever. I have taken it since I first saw your advertisement in a paper, 25 or 30 years ago. I have taken other floral publications, but like yours best, and I've told others of its merit.

Stillwater, Okla.

Mrs. E. R. Wilbur.

Mr. Park:—I have been a silent but interested reader of your Magazine for a long time. It is truly the best Magazine of the kind I have ever seen.

Boaz, Ala., Mar. 19, 1911.

Mattie Gann.

Mr. Park:—I do appreciate your Magazine, and think that every flower-lover should be a subscriber. It certainly gives much reliable information about flowers and their culture.

Draper, Ark., Mar. 4, 1911. Mrs. Nettie Stone.



Rheumatism

I want a letter from every man and woman who is afflicted with Rheumatism, Lumbago or Neuralgia, giving me their name and address, so I can send each one *Free a One Dollar bottle of my Rheumatic Remedy*. I want to convince every Rheumatic sufferer at my expense that my Rheumatic Remedy does what thousands of so-called remedies have failed to accomplish—*actually cures Rheumatism*. I know it does. I am sure of it and I want every Rheumatic sufferer to know it and be sure of it before giving me a penny profit. You cannot

coax Rheumatism out through the feet or skin with plasters or cunning mental contrivances. You cannot *tease* it out with liniments, electricity or magnetism. You cannot *imagine* it out with mental science. *You Must Drive It Out*. It is in the blood and you must *Go After It and Get It*. This is just what Kuhn's Rheumatic Remedy does, and that's why it cures Rheumatism. Rheumatism is Uric Acid, and Uric Acid and Kuhn's Rheumatic Remedy cannot live together in the same blood. *The Rheumatism has to go and it does go*. My remedy cures the sharp, shooting pains, the dull, aching muscles, the hot, throbbing, swollen limbs, and cramped, stiffened, useless joints, and cures them quickly.

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all to you if you will only let me do it. I will prove much in *one week*, if you will only write and ask my company to send you a dollar bottle *FREE* according to the following offer. I don't care what form of Rheumatism you have or how long you have had it. I don't care what other remedies you have used. If you have not used mine you don't know what a *real* rheumatic remedy will do. Read our offer below and send for it at once.

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AGENTS SALESMEN MANAGERS

I want a good man in every territory of the United States—as local agent for one county, or as general agent for a number of counties. This is a new proposition, and offers an opportunity for you to make \$45.00 to \$90.00 a week and on up to \$8000 or \$10,000 a year. No experience is necessary, but I want men—young or old, who will do their very best, who will treat me square and who will follow instructions. I am organizing my selling force now, and I want you to begin at once. Write for complete information today.

\$45 TO \$90 A WEEK

This is the opportunity I offer to a good man in every territory in the United States. No experience is necessary. The Never Fail Stropper sells on sight. I want agents, general agents and managers. Anyone can do the work. No charge for territory. Grand, free advertising special introductory plan for agents on the most successful selling article of the day. Every man a buyer—quick. Every call a sale. Success is yours. Send for reports of our men who are out in the field. Listen to their words of success. Learn of the money they are making. Get out of the rut. Young men, old men, farmers, teachers, carpenters, students, bank clerks—everybody makes money. **One man (Hiram Purdy) took 27 orders first day out (sworn statement): profit \$40.50, 26 orders the next day.** Once our agent always a money-maker. A.M. Clark, of Kansas, wrote: "I was out of town the other day—did not go with the intention of doing any so-citing. Just got to talking and sold six before I knew it." **Profit \$9.00, Sales roll up everywhere.**

ALL OR SPARE TIME WORK

I want general agents and managers to handle big territories, employ sub agents, look after deliveries, advertise and distribute an. I will offer you 100 per cent profit. I am organizing my selling force now and I want you, if you want to make money honestly and rapidly. Exclusive territory given—no charge made. Protection against others running over your field. Co-operation, assistance, personal attention to each man. Compl. to information free. Investigate.

This is a new proposition. A positive automatic razor stropper—absolutely guaranteed. A thing all men have dreamed about. Perfect in every detail under every test. With it you can sharpen to a keen, smooth, velvety edge any razor—safety or old style—all the same. Handles any and every blade automatically. Just a few seconds with the Never Fail Stropper upon the razor will put it in perfect and better shape to give a cooling, soothing, satisfying shave than can an expert hand operator, no matter how carefully he works. New idea. Men are excited over this little wonder machine—over its mysterious accuracy and perfection. They are eager to buy. Women buy for presents to men. Agents and Salesmen coining money. Field untouched. Get territory at once. I want a thousand men—young or old—who are anxious and willing to work, to start in the business at once. Act today. Exclusive territory.

One of our men started selling in Louisiana: became general agent, controlled exclusive territory. At a single time he ordered 50 agents' outfits. This man started without experience as a salesman, but the Never-Fail Stropper caught on so tremendously that he made more money than he ever dreamed of making in his life. No talking is needed. Just show a man the stropper and he wants it immediately. No modern invention has received such open-armed welcome. Please remember the machine is absolutely guaranteed. It is positively successful under every test and trial. It answers the razor stropping problem of ages. It is a modern invention for modern times, modern perfection and modern men. A half-minute demonstration is all that is necessary.

SEND NO MONEY

just your name and address upon a postal card and I will mail you complete information, details, descriptions of the business. I want you to know what this advertisement means to you. I want you to take the territory and make 1911 the biggest year you have ever lived. All I require is that you stay on the job, keep things moving, and that you keep your promise to me and to your customers. The possibilities are unlimited; millions will be sold this year. We teach you what to say and how, when and where to say it. Investigate. It costs you absolutely nothing to learn about this opportunity. Don't delay. Territory is going fast. Write today, and give the name of your county.

ADDRESS SECRETARY.

THE NEVER FAIL CO., 1014 COLTON BLDG., TOLEDO, OHIO

